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 ★ Sophomores Brandon Olsen,
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 ★ Senior Jaci Newendorp
 ★ Sophomore Nick Miller
 ★ Senior Kelli Marlow
 ★ Junior Randy Ozinga,
 Sophomore Amy Laug

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Matt Terlouw



Nick Brooks,
Brad Chamra



Carson Eggland



Amy Riherd,
Katie Ross



Cheerleaders



Matt Sprecker

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Tulips

Central College Bridge

Pella High School

Windmills

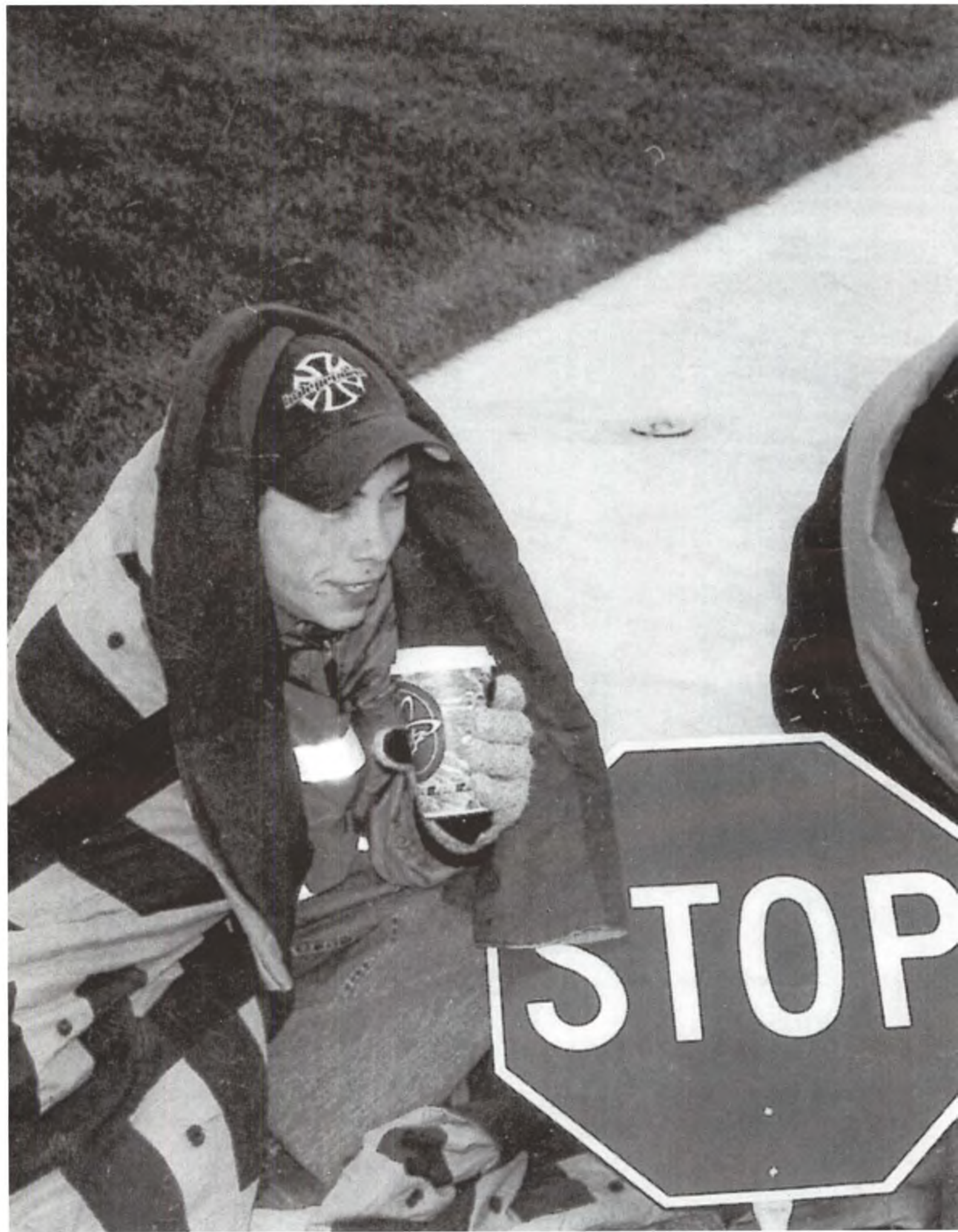
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"Posture. I had fun helping out in getting things ready for the carnival, but it really hurt my back," said junior **Allison Emerick**. The high school hosted the "Read-A-Million-Mintutes" carnival held in March for the elementary school.

"Intense. I really enjoyed playing in orchestra because it's good musical practice and technique. It gives my fingers exercise," said sophomore **Michael Trotter**. Orchestra was directed by **Charlee Eekhoff** in her first year here. Pictured here at an October concert, **Trotter** plays with the orchestra and the choir on "Schubert's Mass in G."

"Cuties. Prom was a blast, especially the pancake party we had. After the after-prom party, about 30 of my friends came to my house, and my dad made a huge pancake meal for everyone," said senior **Laura Reicks**. Several options were available following the after-prom party, including going to Hy-Vee where employees hosted a breakfast for them.

"Tranquil. Running is my zen," said senior **Mark Braun**. Cross country season began in the late summer with 9 new freshmen joining, including freshmen **Matt Schnell**, pictured with **Braun**.

"United. As the back the of our basketball t-shirts say ... 'None of us is as good as all of us,'" said freshman **Lara Van Wyk**. During March, approximately 115 students helped raise money for a cure for heart disease by participating in Hoops for Heart or Jump Rope for Heart.

"Responsibility. I have many jobs (in yearbook), and this picture shows just some of the odds and ends jobs that I'm relied on to do," said senior **Becky De Koning**. Jobs, such as organizing and sending out yearbook payment reminders, were assigned to **DeKoning**, the staff's bookkeeper.

"Exuberant. Helping out with Read-A-Million-Minutes was fun but it got crazy at times. I kept getting swarmed with waves and waves of kids," said junior **Joe Fernandez**. **Fernandez**, along with several other volunteers, helped with the game that involved magnetic fishing.

✓Sophomore **Dan DeHaan** sat at his post, being a crossing gaurd for the elementary and middle school kids, one cold afternoon. Members of the Thespian group took turns helping kids cross the busy street safely.



Opening

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“Waltz. I really enjoyed dancing this year. I think everybody liked it because it gave them a real break from any physical activity. Overall, the dancing was fun to learn,” said junior **Stacey Hoopes**. The upperclassmen danced in junior and senior physical education classes during second semester.



“Outstanding. Practices were hard, but it was worth it for concerts and competitions. It was actually very fun,” said sophomore **Tiffany Pol**, a member of Jazz I. Jazz I, directed by **Dick Redman**, finished fourth in the state jazz championships April 3. Additionally, two other jazz bands practiced and performed during the school year.

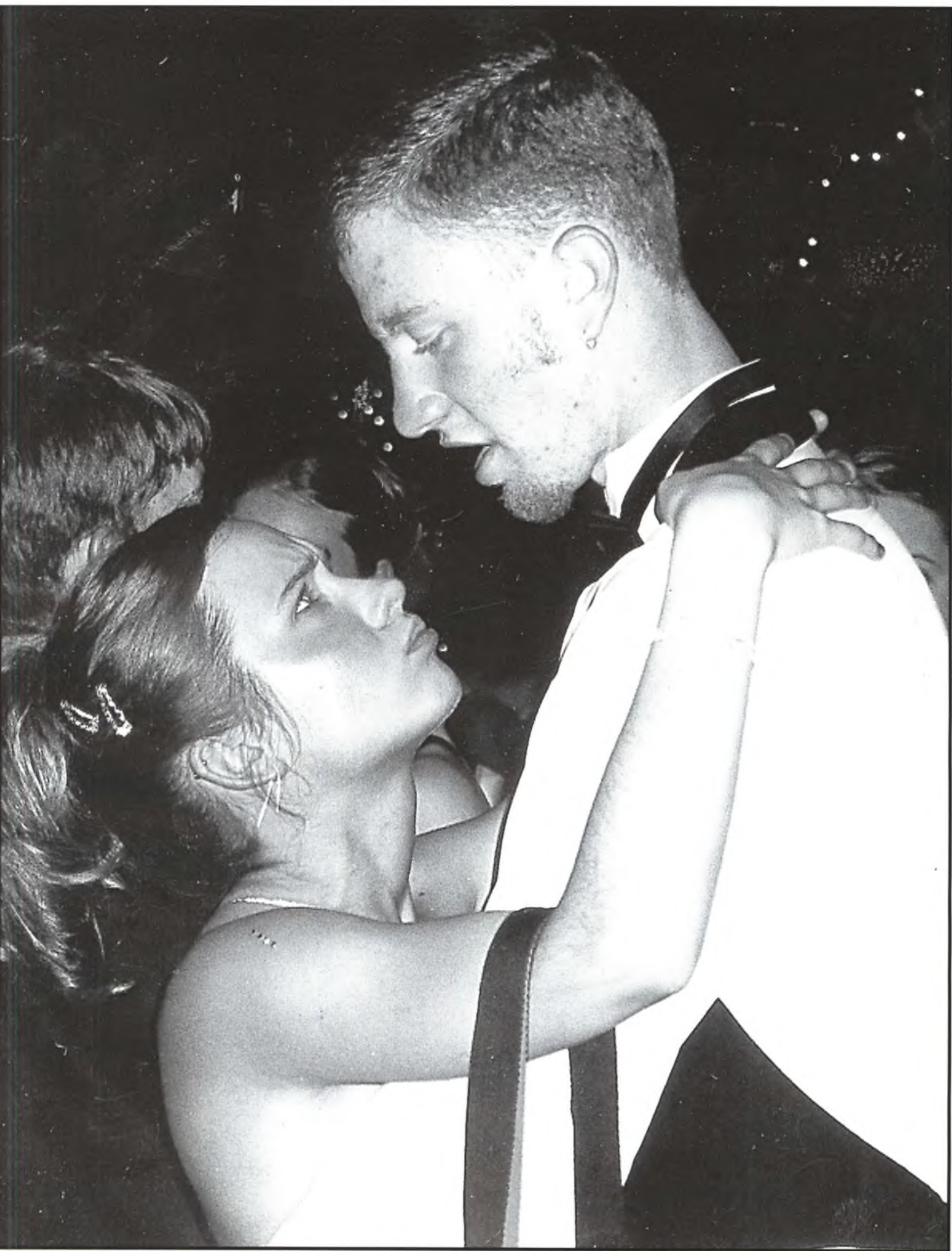


“Rowdy. We all get really rowdy when we’re all together because cheering and hanging out together at the games is so much fun,” said sophomore **April Rus**, pictured with senior **Bailey Klyn**, sophomore **Jocelyn Davis**, and senior **Julia Wilson**.



“Discipline. I disciplined myself to work hard and be patient when I was up to bat,” said freshman **Tara Sorensen**. **Sorensen** and classmate **Chelsea Freese** both made the varsity softball team. Additionally, **Sorensen** made varsity basketball, volleyball, and track teams.

“Seize (the day). Teachers don’t always realize how many lives they influence every day,” said English/Speech teacher **Steven Woolery** as he grades papers for his English 11 class. **Woolery** was in his second year here.



Surviving Summer

Students keep busy with a variety of activities

Many girls dedicated their summer to softball this year. The varsity had an 23-14 overall record.

"Everyone was playing with a great deal of love for the game. Hopefully, we will continue to improve," said junior **Kristin Wares**.

The Iowa Games in July were popular, too. A group of sophomore girls and a junior girl won the gold medal in volleyball at the Iowa Games. Also placing was a team of senior and junior girls who won the silver medal in basketball.

"Competing in the Iowa Games was awesome ... it was sweet when all our work paid off," said sophomore **Tremaine Versteeg**.

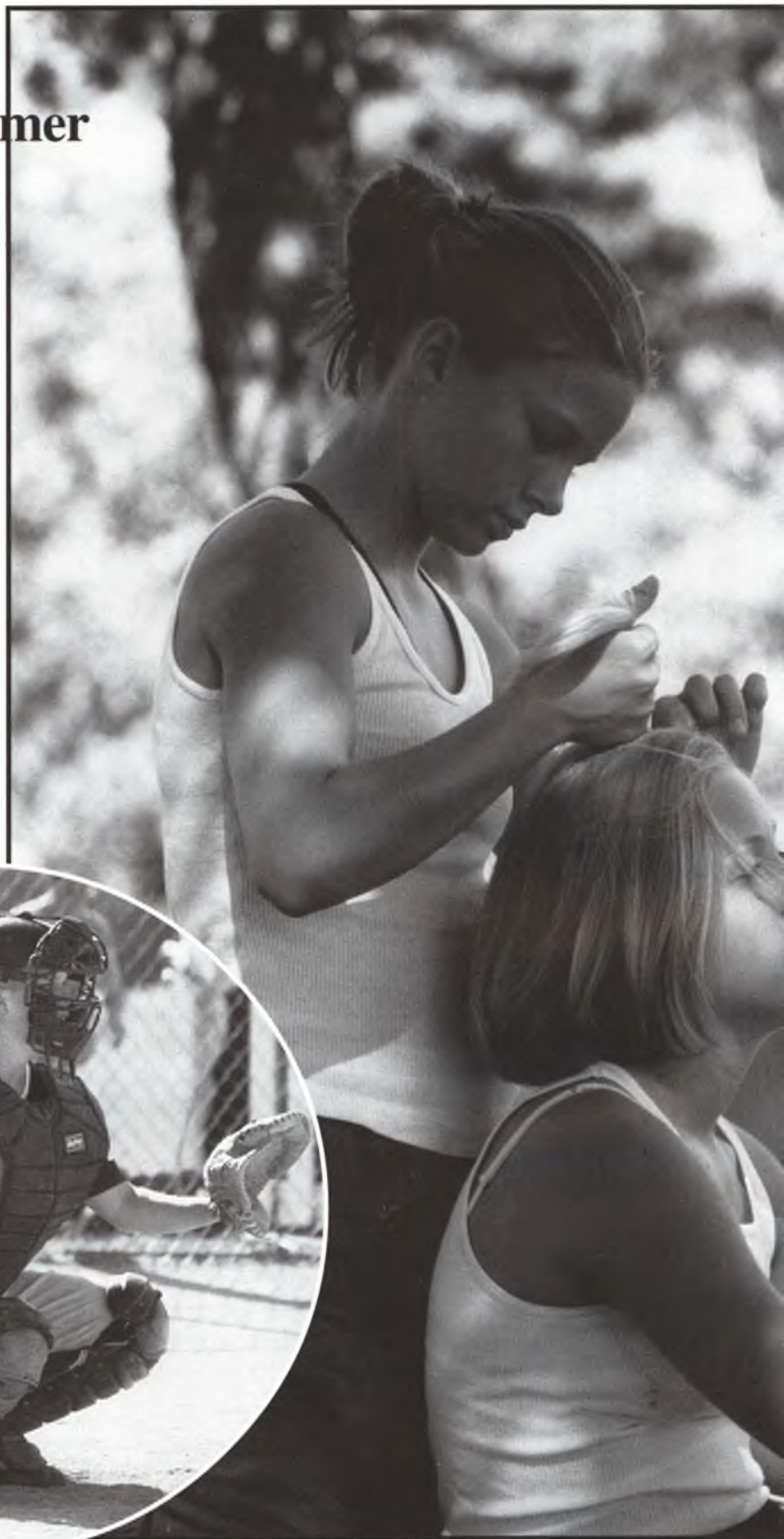
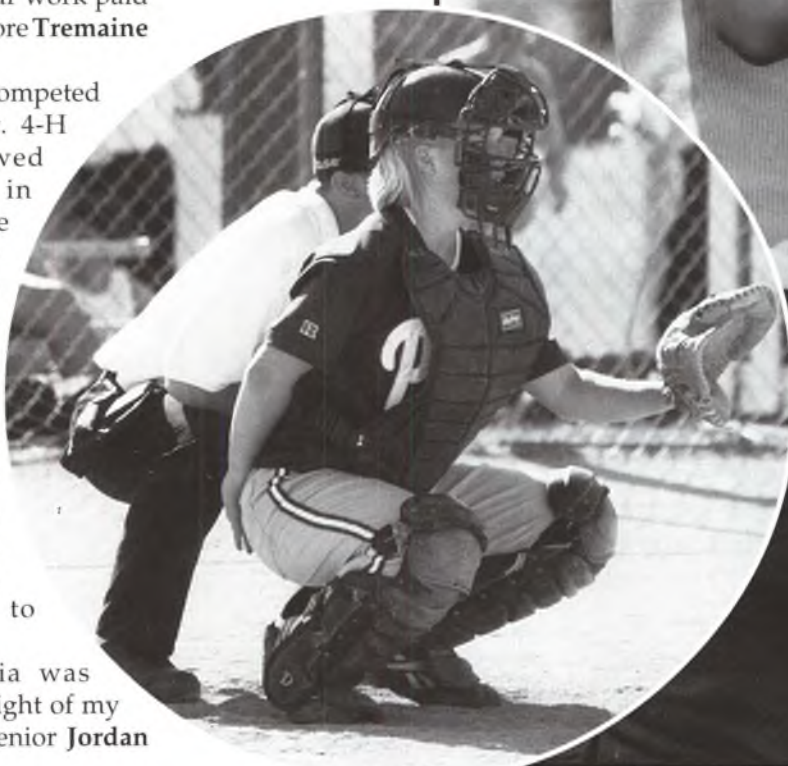
Students also competed at the State Fair. 4-H members showed their animals in contests while others went to camp, to see the sights, and to ride the rides.

Students found more ways to stay busy. Work trips were offered by many churches, traveling to places ranging from West Virginia to Africa.

"West Virginia was definitely a highlight of my summer," said senior **Jordan Kologe**.

****Braiding her classmate Whitney Metcalf's hair is freshman Tara Sorensen.** "My softball season this year was a good experience. I was able to learn how to play at the varsity level and meet many upperclassmen. I think that the softball friendships I made helped me adjust to high school easier," said **Sorensen**.

****Catching for the JV team is sophomore Kristin Sytsma.** "This year was a blast. We played well as a team. The freshmen stepped up and played well. I can't wait until next season because our team will be experienced," said **Sytsma**.



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Ben Bollard



Jenni Norris



Dan Goodyk,
Tyler Beerends



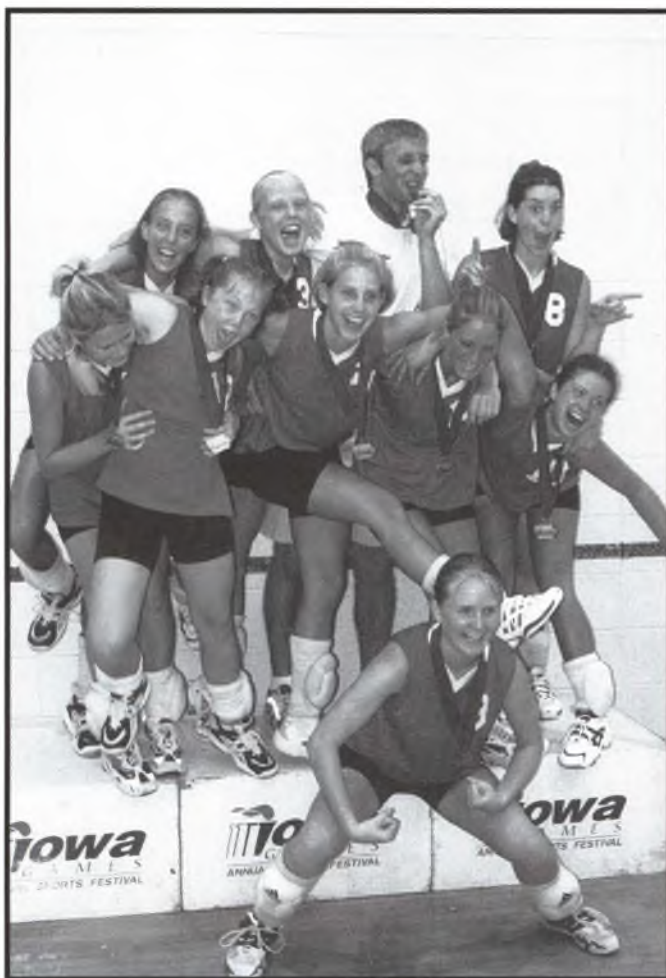
Micaela Grob



Jordan Kologe



Junior Girls



****Posing with their gold medals after winning in the volleyball competition at the Iowa Games are sophomores Tremain Versteeg, Michelle Rooney (moved), Sharilyne Hoekstra, Jena Marlow, Katie Kniff, Lindsay Korver, Heather Kraayenbrink, Tracy Marlow, Coach Doug Frazell, and junior Julie Rietema.**

****Juniors Jessica Grier and Hillary Recker wait for the double ferris wheel to start.**

"We were really excited to ride the double ferris wheel, but we got scared when the scary man operating the ride started tightening bolts. Even though it was really scary, it was a good memory," said Recker.



Summer Shorts



"My summer was awesome. Ashley Sponsler and I just hung out and partied."

**Senior
April Ozinga**



****Taking time for a picture after working hard all day are senior Mark Van Roekel, sophomores Amy Laug, Kara Elsoo, Nicole Beyer, Micah Ybarrola, Mike Van Dusseldorp, Ryan Terlouw, and senior Brandon Dahm. The church group was part of the West Virginia mission trip that helped the locals repair their homes. "During the days we worked, and at night, we had worship time and small groups. We went to a water park one day, too. Overall it was fun," said Laug.**



Tyler Criss



Girls' Golf Members



Jenn Freeman



Lacy Moffet



Amy Riherd, Anne Jacobson



Sharilyne Hoekstra, Amy Laug

Summer
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★Many students spent time playing sports both for competition and for fun.

"I think we had a pretty good season overall and I really enjoyed all of my teammates. I felt that we played pretty well together and we got along pretty good also. I was sort of sad when the season ended since it was my last year to play, but I wouldn't have missed it for anything," said graduate **Mike Schnoebelen**.

★"I had a lot of fun playing soccer this summer, it was exciting to play it for competition, but it was also kind of nice and (a lot less pressure) to just play for fun with my friends," junior **Katie Van Dusseldorp**.



★Seniors **Ryan Kiburz**, **Mandy Vink**, junior **Ashley Sponsler**, and sophomore **Tera Behning** enjoy a picnic in the square after a practice run of the cross country course. "After running the course, some of us girls wanted to get together and hang out. So,

we decided to have a picnic in Central Park. We got food and met at the park for our brunch. To add a special touch, I brought a candle to eat around and to keep the bugs away. We had lots of fun eating our bakery food and talking," said **Sponsler**.



"I spent a lot time working at Stravers' and for my aunt, but in my free time I liked working on my dirt bike, and I enjoyed spending a lot of time with my friends and family, too."

Freshman
Mike Van Dusseldorp



"Over the summer, I really liked working at Central College. I had good times having water fights with my co-workers. Overall, it was a lot of fun."

Sophomore
Lech Harris



"I had a lot of fun with both old friends and making new ones. We spent a lot of time just hanging out. It was great, and it was one of those summers that I'll never forget."

Junior
Lindsay Kiefaber



"I have to say that Dave Mathews was the best show I've ever seen. It inspired me to start my own band. Most of all, what made the trip the greatest was being with my best friends."

Senior
Matt Falcon

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*Juniors **Scott DePrenger**, **Lance Roorda**, and **Zac Van Wyk** went skinny dipping at the sophomore party.*

Summer brings time for...

kickin' it Back

As the days started to heat up, and the nights filled with parties, summer time was officially here. After nine months of school, students took their three months of vacation gratefully and made the most of it. Many filled the days by taking vacations, playing sports, hanging out with friends, and other crazy things that helped make the summer days memorable.

"Over the summer I went to Washington, D.C. It was great to see all of the monuments and the White House. Everywhere that I went was really crowded, but it was still fun," said junior **Julia Nurse**.

For many, spending time at the beach played a big part in their summer fun. No matter if it was boating, laying out, or jet skiing, everyone had fun under the sun.

"I took my grandparents' wave runners out to the beach, and the second time I used them, I tipped them over. The whole summer I tipped them so many times that they quit running because too much water got in the engine," said junior **John Cogley**.

Watching favorite bands in concert was another way that time was passed. With many big names coming to Iowa, students spent time waiting in line for tickets just

to catch a glimpse of their favorite stars.

"I went to Sonshine Festival 2000," said freshman **Matt Terlouw**. "It was fun to seeing all the bands get into the crowd and to listen to the good music."

Senior **Matt Falcon** attended a Dave Mathews concert.

"Dave Mathews was the best show I've ever been to. The road trip to Wisconsin was awesome, and we had tons of fun goofing off in the hotel. Dave was everything I imagined and more!"

Many students took vacations, many went to places that they had never been before.

"I went to Estes Park, Colo., with my family. It was really neat because I had never been there before, and it was exciting to see the mountains for the first time," said junior **Katie Roorda**.

Others had vacation traditions, including junior **Jenny Overbergen**.

"We always go to Lake of the Ozarks with my family and some other families," said **Overbergen**. "We have a lot of fun jet skiing, boating and being on the lake all day. We've done this every year for the past couple of years, and it's always a lot of fun for everybody."



*Some went to far off places to enjoy their summer. Freshman **Sarah Van Wyk** spent part of her summer in Europe.

"I went to Europe with the student ambassador's group, and we had a great time. It was really neat to see all of these different places that I had learned about. It was an adventure, with some educational information, too. It was a great experience that I will never forget," said **Van Wyk**.



*Boy band hits Pella. Not really, but juniors **Scott De Prenger**, **Dan Goodyk**, and **Mike Mitchell** sure like to pretend. "We were doing this jig to the song 'Blind' by Korn. I've always wanted to play guitar. I felt this was a way to express myself and my ambitions," said **DePrenger**.



*Juniors **Katie Roorda**, **Staci Kruseman**, **Megan McConville**, **Kassi Van Wyk**, and **Jenny Overbergen** relax by the campfire at the class party after school let out. "We had a blast. I was really mad that it started to rain, but I enjoyed spending time with my classmates and sitting by the fire. It was a great end to a great year," said **McConville**.

*(Southeast Polk freshman) **Megan Miranda**, sophomore **Vanessa Boot**, junior **Adam Roorda**, and sophomore **Thomas DeKoning** enjoyed spending time at camp. "I had a lot of fun at church camp with everybody. It was fun meeting new people and hanging out with the old ones. We had a lot of fun paddle boating on the lake," said **Roorda**.



Shoulda had a Camera When...

Senior **Nick Fischer** ate candle wax at Wacko's restaurant in Knoxville.

Summer

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*At a home meet against Fort Dodge, NCMP swimmers posed for the camera. "During the team meeting, in the middle of our meet, our coach always built us up and also told us what we needed to work on," said sophomore **Nicole Beyer**. The Pella team, combined with swimmers from Newton, Pella Christian, and Colfax-Mingo, placed first at the meet.



Skatin' the Night Away

After over two years of waiting, the Pella Skate Park opened for students in the gravel lot across from the outdoor swimming pool. To celebrate the official opening on Sat., Aug. 26, the city threw a party for all teenagers. Students had the chance to dance to a live d.j. in the shelter house.

The skate park provided a positive alternative for free time.

"It is enjoyable to have, and it is extremely fun. It gives skaters something to do so we do not get into trouble," said sophomore **Kyle Lehmkuhl**, right.

For others, the skate park was not only a fun activity, it also helped them perfect their skill.

"It helped me succeed in my skating abilities," said sophomore **Jon Van RysWyk**, below.

The skate park was first proposed in 1998. The Pella City Council approved the park in 1999 after the Iowa Legislature passed a law granting immunity to cities regarding skate park liability.



Lucky Duck



"I went to the Gold Finger and Urge concert. I bit my tongue and drew blood when I got jumped on, but I dominated the mosh pits."
Senior
Nick Fischer

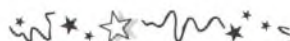
"I fell down the stairs on the first day of school, and everyone laughed at me."
Junior
Stacey Hoopes



poor schmuck



*Lions and tigers, and crickets! Oh, my! Biology students kicked off the week by bringing in their own bugs to observe. The students tested different conditions, such as hot and cold. Sophomores **Tyler Criss** and **Nick Mulder** took in an eyeful. "Tyler and I had a great time with our bug, Juanita. She was very cooperative and didn't try to fly away. Juanita seemed to like us even though we enjoyed torturing her," said **Mulder**.



*Junior **Carson Eggland** leads the pack with senior **Gary Pothoven** close behind. **Eggland** finished ninth while **Pothoven** finished seventh by three seconds. **Pothoven** said, "I enjoyed the Pella meet because of the familiarity with the course and the home crowd. We all did well despite the heat. We were very pleased to have our only home race be our first victory."



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Ryan Kiburz, Tera Behning



Michelle Van Vark, Ruth Esveld



John Bogaards



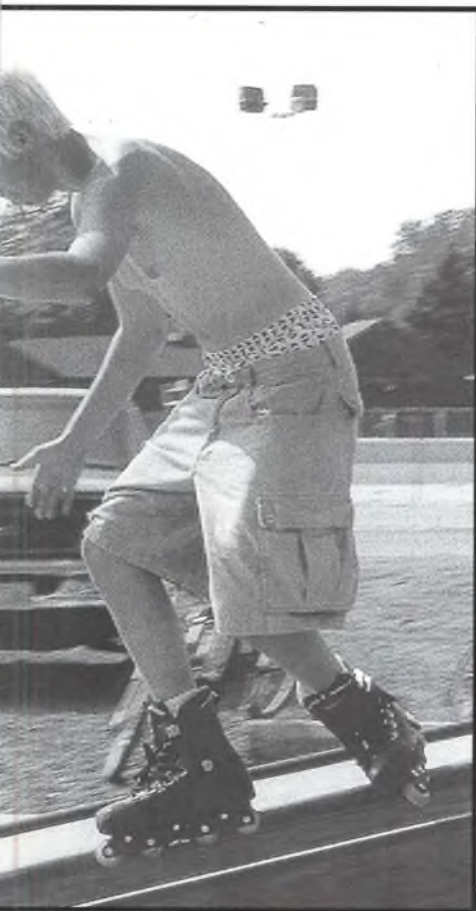
Julia Nurse, Léa McIntosh, Bailey Klyn



Tracy Marlow



Katie, April Ozinga



Surviving

Seniors slapped

first days

with community service

takes its toll

It was that time of the year again. Students faced the first day of school with anticipation. Some were excited and had a positive outlook.

"The first day was easy, and the halls were crowded," said freshman **Rachel Barnes**. Others felt differently.

"The first day was hot, and it was hard getting used to the new changes in my life. Junior year is going to blow," said junior **Lance Roorda**.

When school begins in August, the weather can be unbearably hot, and this year was no exception. The heat caused school to be let out early three days in a row.

Junior **Jenn Freeman** had a strong opinion about this.

"The only postive thing about the heat was getting out of school early. I think people need to open their eyes and get air conditioning in this place," she said.

To add to the excitement of the first day, seniors once again gathered together the night before and attempted to T.P. the school. After

getting every public school in town, the seniors headed for the high school. Their plans were foiled by the police, and some faced the race of their lives.

"I got separated from my group and hid in the woods for about two hours all by myself. Then when I thought the coast was clear, I ran from the cops for six blocks to my grandma's house. By the time I found

Molly Sprague, Ruth Esveld, Michelle Van Vark, and Kirra Van Soelen (seniors), it was four a.m. So, we just stayed up the rest of the night and went to school. It was the best time!" said senior **Lacy Moffet**.

Not all were so lucky. A few of the seniors were caught and forced to do community service.

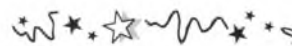
"Knowing we were faster than the police made it fun to run from them. The only bad part was getting caught when the police tricked us into giving our names. The community service and apologizing to the whole football team was not very much fun, either. Overall, the night was exciting, and I would do it again!" said senior **Nick Brooks**.

"Then when I thought the coast was clear, I ran from the police for six blocks to my grandma's house."

Senior
Lacy Moffet



*Juniors **Shelley Vander Werff** and **Jessica Grier** read through the yearbooks after helping organize them for the first day of school. The yearbook students got up early one summer morning and helped unload the truck. "It was really early for me to get up, but it was exciting to see the yearbook after all of the hard work we put into it," said **VanderWerff**.



Josh Jaarsma, Dustin Pitt



Allison Roush, Gretchen King



Nickolet Pohorsky



Kirra Van Soelen, Lacy Moffet



Joe Burch



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Sinking back into the... Homework Routine

After a week-and-a-half of new classes and new experiences, students finally got back into the daily grind of school. Freshmen got used to the idea of a new school and more expectations.

"At first, I was worried about my freshmen year. Now that it's here, I'm glad to see my friends and be able to take a wider variety of classes," said freshman **Stephanie Kindred**.

Even though school was well underway, students still had summer memories fresh in their minds.

"I had way too much fun this summer, so it was really hard to get back into the school routine because I wasn't exactly motivated to come back," said senior **Nate Van Haaften**.

Since three of the five days last week had been too hot to stay in school the whole day, many students weren't use to being in a typical school schedule again.

The heat and humidity gave freshmen a taste of what it was like to be in a hot classroom.

"The summer was hot, but I never knew how

hot it could be in the high school! Overall, being a freshman is pretty cool," freshman **Tony Chem** said.

However, there were some advantages to being in school. Students got to see old friends and meet new people.

Junior **Logan Van Zante** said, "I got to look at more hot girls when I'm at school."

"I was glad to come back to school this year because they have weighted AP classes," said senior **Mike Van Haaften**.

Free periods and other outside school events have made the school year better for seniors.

"I'm having a ball my senior year everywhere but in school," said senior **Zach Brummel**.

Studying was an adjustment for most but also a top priority. Working hard in high school helped college-bound students.

"Thinking about college has been a pretty big drive as to how much I study," said junior **Clint Dingeman**.



Your reasons for not doing homework

"I got carried away with the TV."

Junior

Jenn Freeman

✱

✱

"My dog died!"

Freshman

Meagen Fitzgerald

✱

✱

"I was so tired I fell asleep."

Junior

Dustin Pierce

✱

✱

"I couldn't find a pen when I was trying to do my homework."

Freshman

David Vannoy

✱

✱

"I typed my assignment on the computer and the printer wouldn't work, so I'll get it to you later."

Junior

Lindsay Hill

✱

✱

What did you do over Labor Day break?



"My friends and I went to a campsite. When we were leaving, my car got stuck. Everyone left, so we had to wait forever because no one believed us."

Junior

Ashley Belloma



"I played league softball in Des Moines. On both Saturday and Sunday, we played two games and won both of them."

Junior

Julia Nurse



"I traveled down to the Lake of the Ozarks and spent hours swimming, water-skiing, and spending time out in the sun."

Senior

Shannon Steenhoek



"I played in the Super Club's Soccer Tournament in Des Moines, with my club team."

Sophomore
Tremaine Versteeg



"I went to Lake Red Rock to go jet skiing and boating with some friends."

Freshman
Jeremy Olsen

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Junior **Lindsay Hill** pushed junior **Léa McIntosh** in the hall. **McIntosh** fell flat on her face and gave a shocked look.



*Senior **Niná Nunez** suds up a car to raise money for the upcoming Forté season. The car wash was held Sept. 9th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Junior **Alicia Broach** said, "I really enjoyed the car wash; we all had a really great time. It was a great way to raise money and get involved with the community." The car wash raised \$437.

In Your Own Words
What type of an animal do you best represent?



"Big Foot because he's big, people are scared of him, and they cannot find him; he is mysterious."

Junior

Zac VanWyk



"A wild horse so I could run free."

Freshman

Brenda Roose



"A monkey because they're cute, and everybody likes them."

Sophomore

Gina Boles



The JV volleyball team won both games Tuesday against Grinnell, 15-6 and 15-4; Thursday's games against Newton also brought cheers when the team won, 15-10 and 15-10. "It was fun because we all worked together and beat them by a lot of points, and we got the opportunity to run some specialty plays," said freshman **Tara Sorensen**,



Thursday's Player of the Game. *Adding two wins to their season record, the varsity volleyball team scored outstanding victories, 3-0, against Grinnell and 4-0, against Newton. "It has been a lot of fun this year, being at a new school and everything, and I think we have done very well," said junior **Julie Rietema**.



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Freshman **Kyle Eastwood** was at George's on Trick-or-Treat Night, and he made a huge mess.

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Hey, Mr. D.J., put a record on!

Bumping, grinding, slow dancing, and laughing filled the cafeteria Friday night after the Little Dutch won the football game against Osky.

Most agreed that the new d.j., Edwin Brand, made the dance more lively.

Sophomore **Nick Mulder** said, "I thought he was much better than the one we had last year. He seemed like he was having fun, and he got more involved than others!"

Junior **Julie Rietema** also enjoyed the dance. **Rietema** said, "It was groovy. We were shaking our tush-tush, and it was totally tubular."

Freshman **Tyler Boeyink** added, "...the music was much better than the middle school dances," while classmate **Jenny Veenstra** said, "People danced way more!"

***Dancing with friends, freshman **Micaela Grob** participates in her first dance at the high school. "I liked the dance a lot better than junior high. The d.j. played good songs, so it made it a lot easier to dance!" said **Grob**.*



Academically Speaking



"It was a fun escape from the normal P.E. routine, and with (senior) **John Nistor** in our class, sometimes it was a little dangerous. He's a crazy golfer." Senior **Matt Breckenridge**



"Our study hall is awesome. I love it when we throw each other's school supplies around the cafeteria. Oh, and we study."

Senior **Michael Schreuder**



"Math II is good, even though I think math can be hard."

Sophomore **Amber Seekamp**



"Learning about all the computer programs and how they work was a little confusing, but all-in-all, it was a good experience." Freshman **Becky Steenhoek**

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Heather Kraayenbrink,
Dan Goodyk



Tara Neal, Amy Riherd



Football Captains



Sophomore Girls



Ryan Kiburz



Sophomore Girls

Kickin' It Off

FFA, FHA
begin years

The first FFA meeting took place Sept. 12.

Looking forward to the coming year, sophomore **Darren Kooistra** said, "I think we'll have less to do than last year, but we will still be busy."

FFA members have a lot to get ready for this year. They will take part in the state soils contest Oct. 14. A field trip is also on the agenda for Oct. 18 when they will be heading to Ames to the North Central Aquaculture Center at Iowa State University,

Rienman's Gardens, and the National Disease Lab. Although FFA has gone to the National Convention in previous years, they will not be attending the convention until next year.

Junior **Kevin Ulmer** said, "FFA is an enjoyable experience because it will help us with leadership in the years to come."

FHA also began this week. They kicked off the year by going on a scavenger hunt and then discussed the rest of the year. They, too, like FFA, are getting ready for upcoming events. To raise money for other projects this year, they started by selling magazines. FHA will also be having a number of speakers come talk about subjects pertaining to teens today.

Being a new member can be tough sometimes. Most advise the new members to hang in there because the year goes by fast.

"I feel that everyone should join because it's a good learning experience," said junior **Darci Pleima**.

Michelle Thomassen, senior, said, "I think we have a good group of people, and we will have a great time together. Junior **Tara Neal** added, "I think we will make a lot of memories."



Candid Camera



**** Senior volleyball players Jenni Norris and Lori Hardin snore on their ride to a match in Oskaloosa.**



**** Freshman Joe Burch tries to break the tackle of an Oskaloosa opponent. Burch helped lead the Little Dutch to a 44-14 victory over the Indians.**



**** Scott Ewell and Russell Hoksbergen, sophomores, look on as their teammates pound Clarke-Osceola with an overwhelming 44-6 win.**

News Bits

Senior **Nick Timmer** was named a National Merit Scholar semi-finalist this fall after scoring in the nation's top one-half of one percent on his PSAT's.

"I was pretty happy, but it's not really that big of a deal. I didn't really know what it was at first," said **Timmer**. He plans to major in English literature and possibly creative writing.

"I might be a teacher, unless I want to actually get paid," **Timmer** said.

Swim team began a new season Aug. 9. Practices were usually one-and-a-half hours to two hours long; their closest meet was at Newton.

"The morning practices seemed like they lasted forever, but they made the day pass by fast," said sophomore **Sara Hedrick**.

Freshman **Emily Bensink**, one of **Hedrick's** teammates, said, "Everything paid off in the end."

Dutch upend Clarke

With impressive victory margins, both the freshmen and JV football teams won this week.

On Sept. 11, the JV faced Clarke-Osceola. They defeated Clarke again this year, 44-6, after defeating them last year, 48-6.

"I feel we played very well although Clarke wasn't that tough," said sophomore **Bryan Vander Meiden**.

"I think our game went well," agreed sophomore **Zach Van Horn**. "We weren't sure of all the plays, but our offensive line

blocked well, and the rest of the team also played very well."

The freshmen played Oskaloosa Sept. 15 and won, 44-14.

"We played a good game, but we still have to correct the mistakes we made to become even better," said freshman **Josh Smith**.

Teammate **Jon Vermeer** agreed.

"I think we played really well; we still need to learn a lot though. That's three wins; six more to go!" said **Vermeer**.



Todd Schuring



Julie Rietema, Tara Sorensen



Kyle Lehmkuhl



Ruth Esveld, Lindsay Korver



Taylor Brummel



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Family Ties

Students enjoy having siblings/relatives at school

Living with your family is one thing, but going to school with them is another. All sorts of family ties exist around the school.

"We didn't really see each other in the hallways. The only time we saw each other was when I gave him a ride to school in the morning and during seventh hour study hall. It was about the same as when we didn't even go to school together. We live in the same household, so why should it be any different at school?" said junior **Matt Melhus**.

"We didn't really see each other much, so it didn't really change my day. It'd be one thing if we shared friends, but since there's



Collin, Erica Knoll as children

such a difference in age, it all worked out okay," said freshman **Brian Melhus**.

Some siblings thought it was kind of awkward at first, including junior **Erica Knoll**.

"At first it was kind of weird to see him in the hallways; it was almost an invasion of my privacy. He'd never seen me with my friends or at school, really, before. However, I got used to it, and I actually enjoyed seeing my little brother," said **Knoll**.

"Going to high school with my sister just made it more interesting because not only did I have to deal with my friends, I also had to deal with my sister's friends picking on

me," said freshman **Collin Knoll**.

Some students enjoyed having their siblings around at school.

"It was pretty neat seeing **Angela** (freshman **Angela Lothi**). Her and I are pretty close, so it was nice to have someone to talk to," said junior **Mirinda Lothi**.

Little sister **Angela** added, "It was really nice to have her in the same school so the 'big people' didn't beat up on me. She's a good sister."

Cousins aren't always just for family reunions; many students shared their school days with their cousins.

Freshman **Annie Terlouw** had two cousins in the high school.



Angela, Mirinda Lothi as children

She said "It was nice to have an upperclassman (**Bailey Visser**) as my cousin and a good friend and cousin (**Whitney Metcalf**) from my own class."

Some cousins were very close both in and out of school.

"If you needed someone to talk to, they were there. They were kind of like a friend. I feel close to all of my cousins," said junior **Jenny Overbergen**. Sophomore **Katie Overbergen** added about her cousins junior **Jenny Overbergen** and senior **Brad Overbergen**, junior **Stacy Kruseman**, and brother **Mat Overbergen**, "I think it's cool because all of my cousins are older than me, so they give me advice on everything."

Cousins also saw other benefits.

"We really didn't see each other all that much, but it was kind of cool you can talk to them," said senior **Shannon Braafhart**. **Braafhart's** cousin - freshman **Amanda Van Ee** - said, "It was kind of cool to see her in the hallway and talk to her. She introduced me to a lot of people."



Brian, Matt Melhus as children

Swim team defeats SE Polk

The swim team traveled to Southeast Polk Thursday and scored a 53-41 win.

"I think the team did well. We beat Southeast Polk and had a lot of fun, too. The Southeast Polk girls gave us cookies at the end of meet, so that was fun," said sophomore **Sara Hedrick**.

Freshman **Cricket Vanden Berg**, right, said, "It was a lot of fun and hard work. I think the season went well. We made a lot of memories. One day we were coming home from Newton with Bethany (junior Bethany Elliott), and we got a flat tire. Her cellular phone battery died, so we had to walk to Galesburg to use somebody's phone. My dad finally came and got us. Bethany did end up having a spare tire and just didn't know it."



Sophomores suffer first loss

Despite a 21-21 tie at halftime, the Little Dutch could not score again, and Oskaloosa edged them in sophomore football Monday. The final score was 27-21.

"We were all disappointed that we lost against Osky. Our offensive line worked really well as a unit. It was an intense game, but I think we could have played more aggressively," said sophomore **Billy Fox**.

Although the team suffered its first loss of the season playing against Osky, sophomore **Andrew Kinne** thought they performed well.

"Even though we lost, it was a well-fought battle. Everyone played well, but we'll get our revenge!" said **Kinne**.

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Tony Pierson



Carson Eggland, Pete Randol



James Ounaphom



Tara Nelson



Megan McCombs



Alicia Heersink, Jocelyn Davis



Faith reigns in the rain

Rain or shine? Nothing stopped students from gathering at the flagpole to pray for the school on Wednesday. Thirty-eight students and youth group leaders participated in the nationwide event. At 7 a.m., students joined hands in a circle and prayed, despite the soggy conditions.

"I was really glad to see a fairly good turnout considering that it was windy, cold, and raining. I think it's neat how that many people were willing to express their faith in front of classmates and even get up really early to do it," said senior **Mandy Vink**.

FCA sponsor **Doug Rietema** said, "I think that it's a great opportunity, even though it was dampened a little by the rain, which was a hinderance. As far as a national success, it's a little step for the nation, but it is helping everybody with their walk with the Lord. God calls us to prayer first before anything else."

"It was cool to see that people came even though it was raining," said freshman **Kellee Van Hemert**.

"Even though it was raining, we still had a good time. It's a good witness to those who may not hear the good news everyday," said sophomore **Thomas De Koning** (above).

Humanities students explore world religions



Humanities students visited three religious centers in Des Moines Friday, including a Jewish synagouge, a Catholic basilica, and a Muslim mosque. Juniors **Deke Naaktgeboren**, left, and **Joe Fernandez**, right, were a part of the group.

"It was very interesting to see the different worship areas, and we learned a lot about other religions," said junior **Elisabeth Bruss**.

"... humanities teaches me a lot of variety in cultures," said **Naaktgeboren**.

Band endures four-hour practice

After four hours of wet, muggy practicing, the exhausted band students could head home. Starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday, all 120 members practiced their competition songs over and over again.

"It's an enjoyable group with whom to work. They've done exceptional so far," said Director **Guy Blair**.

At 1 p.m., students went home to rest their worn-out minds and bodies.

"Practicing for that long was tiring, but yet we needed the work to perfect our show," said junior **Sarah Way**.

"Band rehearsal was a huge success. Throughout the day, our improvement blossomed like a flower. The director's encouraging words kept our spirits high, even through the trying weather," said senior **Randa Van Rheenen**, below.



Skate Park



"I'm glad they finally got the thing built. About four years ago, Brock Brown, me, and a few others went to City Council, and they turned down our idea. Now that it's built, it will start a whole new rash of skaters."

Senior **Matt Falcon**



"I think it is a good place for teenagers to have fun without getting in trouble."

Junior **Liz Thomas**



"It's good because we don't have to get in trouble for skating downtown."

Sophomore **Michelle Westra**



"I think it's a great idea for something to do."

Freshman **Ryan Salter**



Emily Filer



Amy Riherd



Kyle Eastwood



Amber Breuklander



Michael Schreuder



Katie Sopher

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Just Face It!

You tell it how
it is with the
Knoxville/Pella rivalry.



"I think it's cool because it
make you more competitive,
and it's fun."

Sophomore Zach Van Horn



"We should definitely keep the
rivalry. It makes it so that it's
not just another football
game."

Freshman Lara Van Wyk



"Sometimes the competition
gets out of hand between
rivalry schools."

Senior Carrie Hibbard



"..having the rivalry has both
schools get more school spirit
because we always compete
against each other."

Junior Sarah Way



☛The Marching Dutch trombone line straightens up the field during their first song, "Mambo." The Dutch played pieces of music from the musical "West Side Story," including "Somewhere Interlude," "Mambo," "Maria Interlude," "Cool," and "Somewhere." "We practiced really hard and long. It was really fun to hear them announce that we beat Osky," said junior **Joey Rozendaal**.

Marching Dutch dazzle Davis County

With practice beginning Aug. 7, the Marching Dutch were finally ready for show time with their first competition of the year in Davis County. Although the 160-member band was smaller than last year's 324, Director **Guy Blair** chose music that would challenge the members not only performing it, but marching it as well.

"I think we have harder drills this year, which is weird since

it's our rebuilding year. We're starting to get stronger, and I hope we have another winning year," said junior **Allison Emerick**.

For the freshmen, marching band was something new that they had to learn quickly.

"Davis County was fun. It was different competing, but in the end it was fun because we won," said freshman **Matt Terlouw**.

The Dutch won the Class 3A competition with a score of 85.5. They also came home with best drum majors and best color guard, and best overall band of the night. They edged Oskaloosa by .6 to win the title.

"It was great to win best color guard. There were a lot of problems we needed to work on, but it was fun to perform," said senior **Shannon Steenhoek**.

B R I E F S

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As the sun started to set, over 50 FCA students headed south of Knoxville to kick off the FCA year by going through the corn maze. When everyone arrived, they were given a map and instructions. Students started in groups or alone through the maze that took approximately an hour to navigate.

"The best part was when (senior) **Nick Rempe**, (freshmen) **Cory Hill**, **Drew Wilson**, **Mike Edwards**, and I hid in the corn and jumped out at a bunch of Knoxville people," said freshman **Luke Rauch**.

FFA members got down and dirty Sept. 26 during soils judging competition. Students practiced for weeks and also studied for the written part of the test. They used a tape measurer, a calculator, and a knife to evaluate the soil. Though 12 members went, only four were eligible for judging.

Members who placed were sophomores **Ashley Sample**, first, **Russell Hoksbergen**, second, and **Joey Knight**, fourth.

The team advanced to state which was held in Colo.

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Brian Visser



Jessica Dingeman, Joe Cerwinske



Chris Hegwood



Nathan Van Kampen



Chris Westra, John Bogaards



Kristin Wares, Ryan Redn



☛ We are the Champs! Senior **Colin Waits** raises his helmet in victory after the Knoxville win. **Waits** said, "We won 32-21! Our defense played really well. It took us until half time to figure out what we had to do. Once we figured that out, Knoxville had no chance."

☛ The Dutch hit 'em hard as they take the Panthers down. Pella scored early in the game, but by the end of the first half, the Panthers were up, 14-6. The Dutch came back ready to go and won, 32-21.

Pella defeats Knoxville for 17th year

Although a 17-year win streak seemed in jeopardy, the Little Dutch came back and defeated Knoxville, 32-21, spoiling their Homecoming. Pella has won every game since 1983.

"Although we struggled through the first half of the game, I felt that we pulled it together at halftime and went out and kicked some butt!" said senior **Nick Hatzievgenakis**.

The Dutch trailed the Panthers by eight points, 14-6, as they went to the locker room at halftime. Pella was then led to victory after seniors **Josh Hamre**, **Matt Spreacker**, and junior **David Van Wyk** all scored. "The best part of the game was when I scored a touch down, and we came back with an awesome defense and great intensity!" said **Van Wyk**.

Fan support made a difference in the game. "The Knoxville game was sweet because it was exciting when we came back and won," said sophomore **Tremaine VerSteeg**. "It was also cool see all the support everyone showed for the team."



☛ Senior football captains **Aaron Bonnema**, **Nick Brooks**, **Colin Waits**, and **Josh Hamre** clasp hands as they take the field for the final game that they will play against Knoxville. **Brooks** said, "There was a lot of tension on the field because we all knew each other and wanted to beat each other. It was kind of weird knowing we were down 21-6 in the third quarter; we knew we were going to win."



Holly Edwards



Luke Ballenger, Tracy Marlow



Shelley Vander Werff



Katie Sopher



Micaela Grob



Aaron Bloodworth

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Homecoming Moments



MON

- *JV football defeated Knoxville, 37-13
- *Pajama Day (sophomore **Kendra Bouwers**), Occupation Day (senior **Tony Pierson**)
- *Powder Puff game (left), seniors-freshmen defeated juniors-sophomores, 28-7



TUE

- *JV volleyball beat PC, varsity loses
- *80's Day (sophomore **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo**), Punk Day (senior **Rachel Madden**), right.
- *Car Parade



WED

- *Hippie Day (junior **Julie Rietema**), Come As You Are Day (senior **Laura Reicks**)
- *Skit Practices
- *Hall Decorations (junior **Scott Clark**, left).

*The powder puff game was played Mon., Oct. 2. The senior/freshmen team dominated the field, winning 28-7.

Junior **Karrie Peterson** said, "Sure was fun having my head snapped back and being propelled to the ground like a piece of trash."

Even the guys got into the game.

"It was vicious. It was utter chaos. The seniors definitely kicked butt. If our football team played with half the intensity that the girls did, then we would definitely go to the Dome!!!" said senior **Tony Pierson**

THUR

- *Twin Day (freshman **Rebecca** and junior **Bethany Elliott**), Goth Day (senior **Peter Cline**)
- *Skit Night, King and Queen Announcement
- Resource room instructor **Lisa Witzenburg** and vocal instructor **Nickolet Pohorsky**, right, sing "What a Feeling" from Flash Dance on Twin Day.



FRI

- *Green-and-White Day (freshman **Kristin Van Zee**), Toga Day (senior **Matt Lundgren**)
- *Pep Rally, (left)
- *Freshmen and varsity football vs. Saydel. Freshmen won, 36-8; varsity won 54-0.
- *Dance



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Matt Goodyk



Ruth Esveld



B.J. Wouterse



Lacy Moffet, Molly Sprague



Danielle Descoteau



Brenda Roose, Lindsay Vander Werf



*An unofficial car parade was held around the square on Tuesday night. Students decorated their cars with shoe polish, car chalk, balloons, and streamers. Junior **Mike Mitchell** rode in the back of fellow classmate **Scott De Prenger's** pick-up truck. "The car parade was great fun. It was very exhilarating to yell and show school spirit!" said **Mitchell**.

*Junior **Deke Naaktgeboren** and friends gathered in **Naaktgeboren's** car for the parade. "We totally decked out the Hornet. Due to the style, sleekness, and satisfactory effort of the boys, we were stylin'." The Batmobile was on the prowl," said **Naaktgeboren**.



Fulfilling the Requirement

As a part of government class, students were required to do two 50-point projects. An option included five hours of community service. "I chose to work in my mom's classroom. She teaches third grade at Lincoln. I went three different days and did a variety of things. I worked one-on-one with some of the kids by helping them with a geography worksheet, another time they practiced counting money to me. I also got to play different games, which included bingo. I checked a ton of papers, too. I thought that volunteering with the kids was a fun experience and very worthwhile. Plus, I helped my mom out a lot," said senior **Lori Hardin**.



*Pella Christian goes up for the block as senior **Ashley Bogaards** tips it over. "Our PC game was an awesome game. We all played and executed quite well. At times, we got a little sluggish, and just couldn't pull it off in the end," said **Bogaards**. The varsity and freshmen teams fell short, but the JV team won. "It was pretty fun to play because every other year we've won. Just the fact that we beat them was awesome!" said sophomore **Catie Beck**.

Lucky Duck



"A lot of people stared at me on 80's Day because I had lots of bright pink lipstick. I didn't care though. It was fun."

Sophomore
Cassie Boertje

"I pumped gas and realized when I went to pay for it that I didn't have any money."

Junior
Scott Mathes



poor schmuck



Jordan Kologe



Katie Sopher, Ashley Pavalat



Melissa Pierson



Senior, Freshmen Girls



Keith Jones



Alicia Broach, Jackie VanZante

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HALL DECORATING ...

*Seniors **Ruth Esveld** and **Kirra Van Soelen** sign their names to the senior banner for Homecoming hall decorations.

"I thought that decorating for Homecoming was tons of fun. It really felt like our class came together and did an awesome job. Our banner turned out really cool," said Van Soelen.



Hall Decorating Results: Juniors, 1st; Sophomores, 2nd; Freshmen, 3rd; Seniors, 4th

THE COURT ...



HOMECOMING COURT 2000. Michelle Van Vark, Queen Randa Van Rheenen, Lori Hardin. BACK: Aaron Bonnema, Kenneth Ryerson, Andréa Grob, King Josh Hamre, Jawnica Vaverka, Colin Waits, Tony Pierson.

THE PEP RALLY ...



*Forté drill team performed for the first time this year at the homecoming pep rally, presenting their state pom routine. "It was really exciting because it was the first time we performed our state routine. The crowd made it really fun," said senior **Laura Reicks**.

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Julie Rietema



Seniors



Hilary Pearson



Nick Fischer



Léa Mc Intosh, Lindsay Hill



Peter Cline

SKIT NIGHT ...



"I felt that our skit was the best we could do. We had several good ideas, but they were all shot down. People said that we didn't have any school spirit. I feel that this year's was the most unified skit we have ever done."

Senior **Peter Cline**



Human Slinkys (Freshmen **Kyle Eastwood**, **Izaac Holt**)



"I had a great time; the senior skit was the best!"
Junior **Scott Mathes**



"I think it's a great opportunity for classes to goof off in an acting sort of non-acting way."
Sophomore **Alex Ung**

IN YOUR OWN WORDS:
What was your reaction from Skit Night?



"All I have to say about last night is that we made our point. We were not given a fair chance at anything. We were told the definition of a good skit was good, clean fun, and our skit was exactly that. **Peter Cline** was to read all the seniors' names, but for some reason, that didn't fit the criteria, and on Skit Night, after turning in an approved skit, we weren't even given the stage by them not even opening the curtain. I feel like we are being treated like we have no mind, and we can't be out of the normal without being wrong. Personally, my senior year was ruined."

Senior
Lisa De Lange

THE GAME ...

Little Dutch smash Saydel

The freshmen and varsity football teams found success Fri., Oct. 6, in the homecoming football games.

The freshman won, 36-8.

"I thought it was different playing on homecoming night because there was more focus on our team, and it was a new experience," said freshman **Matt Terlouw**.

The outcome of the varsity game was a 64-0 shutout.

Senior and football captain **Colin Waits** said, "Our homecoming game was a lot of fun. Our team managed to play well together after a long week of distractions. I'd like to thank **Josh Hamre** for being such a great king."



*Sophomore **Vance Schuring** takes a break on the sidelines during the Homecoming game. "We played really well. We came out ready for the game, and we killed them. I think the game helped us a lot because it gave us a lot of confidence," said **Schuring**.



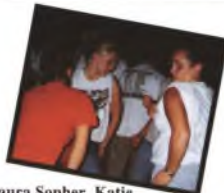
Jessica Grier



Senior Guys, Junior **Zac Van Wyk**



Allison Roush



Laura Sopher, Katie Sopher, Ashley Pavlat



Amy Cline



Randa Van Rheenen, Allison Emerick, Marcia Brown

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Dutch march to victory in Ankeny

***Performing at the state band competition in Pella is senior **Peter Cline** plays during the band competition. **Cline** said, "I thought that our band kicked butt. 'West Side Story' was the coolest show that I got to do in high school. We marched well, played well, the color guard was cool, and the drummers rocked."



***Senior **Cecilia Nuñez** and other members of the band wait to receive awards at Ankeny. "I think we did our best. I think we should have gotten a better score than we did get, but it was our last performance, so we couldn't really do anything about it," said **Nuñez**.

The Marching Dutch competed in Ankeny in the Mid-Iowa Band Championships against 11 other schools on Oct. 14, and they placed first.

Senior **Shannon Steenhoek** said, "It was a lot of fun but also emotional, knowing it was our

last time to perform."

Many people thought the other bands weren't as good as the Marching Dutch. According to junior **Jacob Ahee**, the band did great.

"Oskey did really really well; the band from Missouri was really cool because they wore

armor," said **Ahee**.

Junior **Carson Egglund** thought the competition was a good way to end the season.

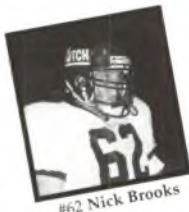
"I thought we finished our marching band season with a great performance," said **Egglund**.

The band received a "1" star ranking in the afternoon competition held in Pella.

Sophomore **Jaimie Fulle** said, "I think we did very well. In my opinion, this is the best performance we've had a year."



#32 Colin Waits



#62 Nick Brooks



#19 Chris Hegwood



#43 Josh Hamre



#24 Matt Sprecker

Seniors reflect on playing last home game

"We took a little while to get going, but when we did, we couldn't be stopped. This was supposed to be our last home game, but we'll be dancing on the field after we win!"

Senior **Colin Waits**

"We did well defensively and shut them down. The offense just couldn't get the ball rolling. In the second half, everyone stepped it up, and we kicked butt!"

Senior **Nick Brooks**

"I thought we had a good season. People never expected us to do this well. It was fun making it to the playoffs, but kind of disappointing losing the first round."

Senior **Chris Hegwood**

"It was a great home win, but we hoped it wasn't our last home game because we expected to be at home one game for the playoffs."

Senior **Josh Hamre**

"This season has been really fun. My teammates made it a great year since we've been dominating and having tons of fun on and off the field!"

Senior **Matt Sprecker**

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Seniors **Ryan Kiburz**, **Amy Riherd**, and **Megan DeWild** drove in reverse through the McDonald's drive through.

Journalism journeys to Ames

Forty-five journalism students traveled to Ames on Oct. 11 to attend the Iowa High School Press Association. Students went to conferences throughout the day and listened to speakers such as **John Gaps III** (photo editor at the Des Moines Register), **Christie Vilsack** (Iowa's First Lady), and **Kevin Cooney** (from News Channel 8). Advisers from throughout the state also taught at the conferences.

Awards were a big part of the day. Sophomores **Gaoder Vue** and **Morgan Kelly**, along with junior **John Cogley**, were second in the May Shoot-Off Contest. The Pelladium won second place in writing, second place in graphics and illustration, and honorable mention in photography for class A. The Duchess was third in Class C for the yearbook contest sweepstakes. Adviser **Ann Visser** won the Rod Vahl Award for journalism teacher of the year in the state of Iowa.

Senior **Marcia Brown** said, "It was cool meeting **Kevin (Cooney)**; he's pretty famous around here. The whole day was a blast, and it was cool seeing **Mrs. Visser** win an award with such honors!"

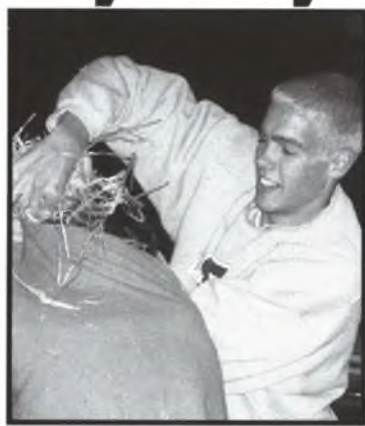


***Freshman **Lyndsay Van Maaren** and senior **Marcia Brown** pose for a picture with **Kevin Cooney** from News Channel 8.

FCA has hay-day



***Getting ready to throw hay at a friend after the hayrack ride is sophomore **Weather Kraayenbrink**. Over 180 students attended the annual FCA hayrack ride.



***Junior **Randy Ozinga** stuffs hay down sophomore **Amy Laug's** shirt at the hayrack ride. The students rode around for half an hour before gathering around bonfires where they listened to community youth leaders speak.

Candid Camera



***Sophomore **Pierce Hibma** puts hay down senior **Randa Van Rheenen's** shirt during the FCA hayrack ride.

Exciting Endings

JV teams wrap up seasons



"Our team had an awesome season, and it was memorable to win our last game of the year, knowing that we had accomplished all our goals."

Sophomore
Lindsay McFarland



"This year was a lot more relaxed. I made a lot of new friends and I had a lot more fun. At conference it was really nice to finish up the season as winners."

Sophomore **Dan De Haan**

Seniors work for seniors

While some fell asleep to the soft, harmonized sound of voices lifted in song, others listened attentively to the music as seniors **Emily Lubberden** and **Jaci Newendorp** performed a variety of contemporary music at the nursing home for their government project. **Lubberden** enjoyed a previous experience there and decided to return and perform with **Newendorp**.

"They really appreciated it and were interested in other high school activities we are involved in," said **Newendorp**.

Lubberden added, "Anyone who is gifted in the performing arts should think about going to nursing homes to perform."



***Seniors **Emily Lubberden** and **Jaci Newendorp** entertain residents at the Pella Regional Health Center nursing home. The duo was asked to return to perform monthly.



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Senior **Randa Van Rheenen** spanked a male **Oskey** band member when a group of the band ran by.

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★Senior **Shannon Braafhart** concentrates on her rifle routine for color guard at the state contest. "I think it was fun being in color guard my senior year. It made the whole experience more fun," said **Braafhart**. ★Senior **Greg Laughlin** waits for the signal from the drum majors to show off his stuff for the fifth graders. "It has been a necessity to marching band. It allows the young musicians to witness many different kinds of instruments pertaining to marching band," said **Laughlin**.



★Drum majors **Nina Nuñez**, **Chip Racheter**, **Cecilia Nuñez** (seniors) take their places and accept their awards from the judges at the Valleyfest Showdown. ★Practicing in the auditorium with the frontline performers during the Sept. 23 all-day band practice are junior **Hilary Pearson** and sophomore **Tiffany Pol**. "All-day band was kind of fun. We got to stay inside all day because we didn't want our instruments to get wet. But we got bored, so we tied everyone's shoes together while they were outside," said junior **Pearson**.



Awards & Captions

Davis County
1st Overall
Best Drum Major
Best Color Guard

Valleyfest Showdown
2nd in 3A
Best Drum Major
Best Drum Line
Best Color Guard
Best Hornline
Best Soloist

State Marching Band Contest (Pella)
Division I rating

Marching Band Mid-Iowa Championships
1st in 3A

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Nina Nuñez



Zach Brummel



Chip Racheter



Elizabeth Summitt



Shelly Vander Werff



Sarah Way

Ten-7-ut!
Band marches to victories



Sophomore
Elizabeth Jones

"This was the best year of marching band. Playing 'West Side Story' was the best. It was my favorite show, and I had a blast with all my friends."
Senior **Peter Cline**

Freshman
Colin Knoll

"I like being on front-line because we don't have to learn the drills and march on the field, and I really enjoy playing the music."



Marching band began in early August and finished in late October. In the beginning, each individual instrumental section had its own practices. Directors had full days to teach while students only had to be there for two hours. When school started, band students had practice before school at 7:30 a.m. Some students just couldn't get up in the morning, and they got caught by a section leader. Those unlucky few then got the duty of bringing donuts for the whole section the next day. Many upperclassmen made the 'newbies (freshmen)' bring donuts for the rest of the section anyway.

"Color guard was a lot of fun. It was my first year in it, so it was a big change from playing an instrument in band. I'll definitely do it again next year," said junior **Sunny Visser.**

When it came to competitions, directors and band students ran around to make sure everything was ready. As for freshman, not many knew exactly what to do. Getting nervous and worrying about messing up were on their minds before the performance.

"I was just trying to concentrate on my marching so I didn't make mistakes. If I wouldn't have concentrated, I would have messed up," said freshman **Joey Groenenboom**.

The first competition was at

Davis County September 30. After marching the show, band members went to the sideline to watch Oskey and wait for the awards. The band captured all but one of the caption awards and placed first overall.

"I was glad we could finally show Osky who is boss," said senior **Bobbi Spencer**.

The next competition for the Marching Dutch was one of the biggest ones of the season, the Valleyfest Showdown. This was the first year for the band to get a second place finish instead of the usual first.

"I was highly disappointed that we lost against Saydel, but we won five out of the six captions," said junior **Kimme-Jo Bouwers**.

The band had a very busy day October 14. They performed in

the afternoon for the State Marching Band Contest at Pella where they received a "I" rating. They then traveled to Ankeny for the Marching Band Mid-Iowa Championships, but before they left, they enjoyed pizza with Newton band members. The band won first place in Ankeny.

"I thought it was really neat because I knew so many Newton people from swim team. It was a great 'bonding' experience," said sophomore **Nicole Beyer**.

"From the band director's point of view, this was one of our most rewarding marching band seasons. The students responded to every challenge with a cooperative attitude and with a sense and understanding of what it would take to be successful," said Marching Dutch band director **Guy Blair**.



Amy Riberd



Dan DeHaan

Cecilia Nuñez, Chip Racheter, Nina Nuñez



Kalen Eastwood



Pete Randol

Just Face It!

You tell us
about your
All-State Auditions.



"I started practicing for All-State auditions really hard. I didn't think that the actual audition was very stressful, but it wasn't fun."

Sophomore Chris Boeyink



"I was extremely prepared. I went into the audition knowing I'd be competitive and have a chance at the few spots given for flutes."

Senior Emily Lubberden



"We did the best that we've ever done."

Junior Amy Van Hall

"Sam Mc Curry and I spent a lot of time on our music. I am very happy that I was recalled. I got my cake with frosting and sprinkles, and, mmm, was it good."

Sophomore Michael Trotter



Sophomore Dan I Haan takes on the fifth graders as the Marching Dutch show the future marching band members what it takes to be part of the Marching Dutch. Haan, a member of the percussion frontline, says, "I have great sympathy for the band as a whole. What you may ask? Because the majority of fifth graders seem to have jaunted directly to the frontline, which we all know is full of really, really lazy people."

Band ends season with fifth grader

What better way for the Marching Dutch to end their competitive season than by showing the fifth graders what being part of the band is like? Marking the end of the marching season, it was a time to just have fun and relax, too.

"It was fun because for once Mr. Blair (Director Guy) wasn't yelling at us," said freshman Mike Langenfeld.

For the seniors, it was their final fall performance as members of the Marching Dutch. They wrap up their season by marching to parades at next year's Tulip Time.

"I thought it was humorous with the fifth graders marching with us," said senior Ben Farmer, "and it would have been funny if I ran over them."

Chorus, orchestra debut with fall concert

As the chorus/orchestra neared the day of their concert, students weren't sure if they were prepared.

Senior Nick Timmer said, "At first I wasn't sure if we were ready, but we sang well, and I think people were impressed. The orchestra and the choir sounded great together."

One reason students were worried was the orchestra and chorus had to perform "Mass in G Major" as one ensemble, which they hadn't practiced much.

"We only practiced twice with the choir, but I think we were able to combine both our talents and create a wonderful concert," said sophomore Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo.

"Mass in G Major" is a collection of songs sung in Latin by Franz Schubert, but we practiced hard and sang it successfully," said freshmen Paola Espinosa.

Nickolet Pohorsky is the chorus director; Charlee Eekhoff directs the orchestra.



Junior Jonathan Whalley plays his bass to the "Mass in G" while the choir sings in the background. The chorus/orchestra combo received rave reviews from parents and students.

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Juniors Katie Van Dusseldorp, Josh Printz, and Scott Mathes went hot-tubbing and didn't notice that the temperature dropped to 80 degrees. To stay warm, Printz propped the lid of the hot tub against the house to block the wind. When they got out, they huddled around a hair dryer to keep warm.

Volleyball girls take charge and....

Soar over P.C. Eagles

As the volleyball girls began district play, what better way to start than by playing their longtime rivals, the Pella Christian Eagles.

"I think the highlight of our season is beating Pella Christian on their home court," said sophomore **Tracy Marlow**. "It's been a year, and we'll miss the seniors next year." **Marlow** had a total of 37 spikes and serving points.

The volleyball team showed that hard work really paid off in the end. The Dutch played four games, the first ending with an Eagle win, 3-8. From the second game on, the girls dominated the court.

Not only was it a great victory for the team, but also for the spectators who helped cheer the ladies to victory.

Freshman **Alice Quangvan** said, "I thought that they played really well. They did really great working as a team and deserved the win."

For the team, it will always be a great season to look

back on.

Junior **Brianne Schutte** said, "This year brought our team closer together. We practiced hard, and it all paid off. We all came together and played well as a team."

"This year brought our team closer together."

Junior
Brianne Schutte

Senior **Ashley Bogaards** sends the ball back to the Pella Christian Eagles. During the evening, **Bogaards** had 11 points and 8 blocks against the Eagles. **Bogaards** played four years on the varsity volleyball team.



Cross country keeps going and going and going ...



It was a second place finish for the boys and a third place finish for the girls in the district meet held Oct. 19 at Oakland Acres. The finishes were strong enough to qualify both teams for state competition.

"I was nervous and really glad that we had made it this far, even though our team was sick," said freshman **Amber Breuklander**. "We ran pretty well, though it was not the best we have done."

Coach **Arvin Bandstra** said, "At the district meet, we're always happy to advance to state. I thought our boys ran very well. I don't think the girls ran their best, but they ran well. It was a good meet for us."

Girls placing in the Top 10 were sophomore **Tera Behning** (fourth, 12:42), and **Breuklander** (ninth, 12:53).

"We had good weather, and both teams ran

Senior **Jesse Linn** brings it into the finish line, finishing 56th at the district meet at Oakland Acres. Pella finished with 97 points and posted a second place finish. Senior **Gary Pothoven** was Pella's top finisher (21st).

COACH'S ADVICE

*"Just relax
& run
like the dickens!"*

Coach Arvin Bandstra

really well. We made it to state, which was our goal for the season," said sophomore **Ryan Terlouw**, who placed third with a time of 17:00.

Other results for the girls' team were junior **Sunny Visser**, (14th); sophomore **Mary Hiemstra**, (20th); junior **Ashley Sponsler** (29th); and, seniors **Megan De Wild**, (55th); and **Mandy Vink**, (85th).

The results for the boys team were seniors **Gary Pothoven** (21st), **Michael Schreuder** (53rd), and **Jesse Linn** (56th), juniors **Carson Egglund** (15th) and **Bryan George**, (28th); and, freshman **Izaak Holt** (30th).



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Junior **Wade Lamb** laughed so hard that he spit milk and cookies that he was eating all over the lunch table and on junior **Matt DeVries**.

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"We made it to the cross country state meet, and I am really excited!!!"
Junior
Sunny Visser

"My I-Search paper was in progress, a car ran over my foot, and I fell down the stairs three times."
Senior
Barry ErkenBrack



Red Ribbon Week kicks off in full swing

poor schmuck

For the 13th year, students celebrated Red Ribbon Week. DAFY members did many different activities to remember a drug enforcement agent who was killed in 1985. Members put red ribbons on students' lockers and on cars in the high school parking lot.

"I had a lot of fun revisiting the good old days at the elementary schools. We missed the first day of presenting because senior **Randa Van Rheenen** told us the wrong school to go to. We ended up getting there when it was over," said junior **Elizabeth Summitt**.

"The thing that I liked the most about Red Ribbon Week was going to talk to the younger kids at the elementary schools," said sophomore **Nick Mulder**.

DAFY went to the elementary schools and distributed pencils to six students per class, chosen by a drawing. Two classes in the elementary schools won a balloon bouquet.



Say Cheese! DAFY members smile for the camera with the fifth grade class of Marilee Sjaardema. DAFY members went to different classes at each of the elementary schools to share the importance of Red Ribbon Week. The children learned a positive message through DAFY members.

Fifth Graders Speak Out on DAFY

"I liked how they spoke to the class. It was neat." Andrew Lopez

"I liked how they taught me to stay away from drugs." Emily Boyd

"I liked the way they were willing to give up their time to teach us about drugs and alcohol." Sophie Metcalf

"I knew some of the speakers so I look up to them as role models." Robb Way

"I enjoyed the picture because it was a great ending to the program." Kyle Kramer

Halloween Heebie Jeebies



Senior **Randa Van Rheenen** and senior **Kelli Marlow** attempt to bob for apples at fellow classmate's **Gretchen King's** party. The party was the Saturday before Halloween.

"**Gretchen's** party was a lot of fun. I liked dressing up and seeing everyone. Bobbing for apples was exciting," said **Marlow**.

Approximately 50 party-goers were part of the festive night. Students emerged in costumes ranging from seniors **Ashley Bogaards** and **Kalen Eastwood** as a king and queen, to juniors **Scott De Prenger** and **Lance Roorda** who dressed as cats.



"My friends and I went to **Alex Schuring's** (freshman) house and we listened to music, danced with the girls, and watched t.v. and pigged out."

Freshman
Matt Snyder



"I went to the haunted corn maze with friends. Some of them ran off, and I was left with sophomore **Samantha McCurry**. Sam and I took so many left turns we were done really soon, and everyone else was done after us. It was great."

Sophomore
Heidi Steenhoek

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Lauren Anderson



Juniors



Zach Brummel,
Brienne Schutte, Marcia Brown



Mandy Vink, Lori Hardin



Kimme-Jo Bouwers, Lisa Phiv



Brandon Dahm, Jordan Kol



FCA members fight for their lives in Mission Impossible

FCA members started a new tradition of playing the game Mission Impossible on Wednesday, Oct. 25, at Vander Teau Christmas tree farm.

The game was very complicated for some because there were many separate missions that needed to be achieved. The goal of the game was to get all of the points possible first

after completing all of the missions. Meanwhile, the huddle leaders tried to capture the members and send them to 'jail'. The players were allowed to obtain a sock full of flour, which they hit the huddle leaders with, and then they received points to avoid 'jail'.

"The best part was running from the people

who tried to catch you and bring you to jail," said junior **Austin Vander Linden**.

"I had a lot of fun because I tied for first place. Also, running from place to place while being chased by the agents was great," said junior **Matt Melhus**.

*Why can't I be a model, too? Senior **Lacy Moffet** poses behind a mannequin on the interior design trip to Boat's Home Furnishings Thursday. Students learned about fabric designs and different decorating techniques, such as traditional and cottage styles.

"The trip was very fun and interesting. The lady knew what she was talking about and really taught us a lot," said **Moffet**.

Junior **Lindsay Hill** also went on the field trip.

"Going to Boat's was really interesting. I had only been in there once before, so I got to look at some new styles of furniture, and I saw all the prices, which were really expensive. Overall, I learned a lot, and it was really fun," said **Hill**.



*NCMP swimmers pose before their district meet. "Preparing for districts really brought our team together. There was a lot of excitement going in to our meet. It was a lot of fun," said junior **Bethany Elliott**.



Dan Goodyk, Elizabeth Summit, Hillary Recker



Kenneth Ryerson



Michael Langenfeld



Leah Robinson, Lyndsay Van Maaren



Mark Van Roekel



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Something better every day.....



With Friends

*Sophomore **Dan De Haan**, center, trick or treats with freshmen **Kyle Eastwood**, **Brandon Boat**, **Sam Reicks**, **Ryan Boswell**, and **Izaak Holt**. "If it wasn't for the candy, it wouldn't have been worth doing," said the shipmate **hairy seaman Kyle**. I have to agree with him, but we wouldn't have gathered such a bounty without the strategy of **Lord Repicheap**," said **De Haan**.



In Drama

*Senior **Chip Racheter** and junior **Allison Emerick** involve themselves in a deep discussion during their performance in "Send Me No Flowers." "I thought the play was really good this year. I was really happy that I was the only junior with a leading role; that was a big privilege," said **Emerick**.



Up Town

*On Oct. 30, 2000, the Pella Public Library opened at its new location on Main Street and Liberty. Senior **Emily Lübberden** makes use of computers in the new library. "I love to work on the computers at the library because they're so much faster than mine at home. I wish I could live there!" said **Lubberden**.



At State

*Sophomore **Nichole Beyer**, senior **Kara Ruthven**, freshmen **Emily Bensink**, and Pella Christian sophomore **Amanda Wetter** gather at state swimming. "It was a really good experience. We stayed in a hotel, three girls with no supervision, so it was a lot of fun," said freshman **Emily Bensink**.

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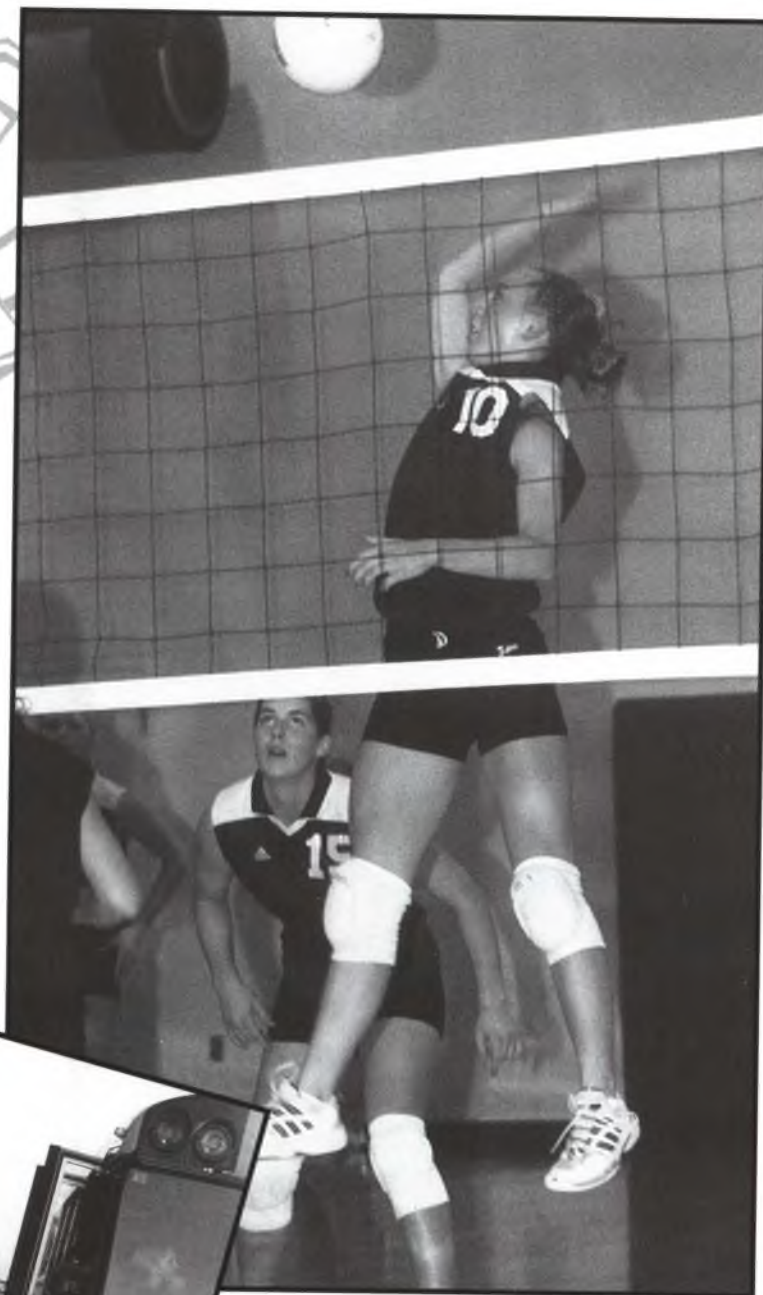
Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Senior **Brad Overbergen** got hit by a deer while four-wheeling.



Senior **Kelli Marlow** spikes the ball in the conference final against Grinnell. This was the varsity volleyball's third time playing the Grinnell Grizzlies and their third victory. This time the win sent them to state competition for the first time in the Grinnell volleyball history.

"The first time we played Grinnell we were pretty nervous, but we did awesome! The second time we played them, we were a little more relaxed because we knew how they played, but we did well once again," said **Marlow**.



*CAN YOU SAY S-U-P-E-R-S-T-I-T-I-O-U-S?

The afternoon of the varsity volleyball district final with Grinnell, the team boarded a bus even though the match-up was at home. "... our coach (**Mary Carnell**) is very superstitious. I personally thought it was kind of silly (riding the bus) because I'm not very superstitious at all, but I guess all that superstition must have helped because we kept on winning and made it all the way to State," said senior **Lori Hardin**.

In Your Own Words What was your best memory of Halloween night?



"Going trick-or-treating when I was in eighth grade and 6'5". It made a lot of people mad because they thought I was too old."

Junior
Lance Roorda



"Running around in the nude and knocking on people's doors."

Senior
Josh Hamre



"When my sister and I hunted down and yelled at the people who smashed all of the pumpkins in front of our house."

Freshman
Stephanie Kindred



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Senior **Shawn Smith** caught his pants on fire in welding class and senior **Scott Buitenwerf** singed his hair, both in the same day of welding.

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THE PERFORMANCE ...



"I really enjoyed being Mr. Akins because I was able to overact a lot, which I do pretty well. The only problem was that my character was kind of a nerd, and it seems that every role I've ever played was either a nerd or someone evil. I think that I was typecast."

Senior Joe Cerwinski



MAKING THE MOVE. Mr. Mason (senior Peter Cline) tries unsuccessfully to win the affections of Judy Kimball (senior Irene ErkenBrack).



"I enjoyed the play this year because our cast got along really well, and we worked really hard."

Junior Ashley Belloma



"This play has been the best one we've had in a long time as far as everyone getting along. It was great because I was the only junior with a lead role."

Junior Allison Emerick

BUILDING THE SET ...



FINISHING TOUCHES. Senior Tony Pierson sands the edge of a set door during a Saturday set-building session. Pierson said, "It was a lot of fun helping out with

the play. It was fun to watch the cast panic and just go crazy. To see it all work together was cool, too."



HARD AT WORK. Junior Stephanie Thomas drills a hole for the backdrop of the set. Thomas said, "I liked when all the crew came together on Saturdays, and we did everything done so quickly. I think we were all very surprised how easily it came together." Approximately 20 students joined together on three Saturdays to ready the set for the play.

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Chip Racheter, Kendra Bouwers



Jenni Moore, Steph Thomas



Rachel Madden



Irene ErkenBrack, Chip Racheter



Joe Cerwinski



Irene ErkenBrack, Chip Racheter

CURTAIN'S UP ...



A MOMENT OF CONCERN.

Judy Kimball (senior **Irene ErkenBrack**) displays an air of concern during the first act.

"The play was well-received by audiences, and I was impressed with everybody's audiences."

Director
Steven Woolery

GET THIS ...

Play content questioned

Opening night the play was a hit, but Friday morning Director Steven Woolery was questioned by Principal Mark Lee about the ethics of the play.

In the play, Andee Nash (senior **Rachel Madden**, right) becomes very drunk after she hears about the news that her best friend is going to die soon. While this action may portray questionable morals in the character, it does not encourage students to drink.

As the play goes on, Nash realizes that it was a mistake that she had started drinking.

Madden said, "It's acting. It's not a real life portrayal because I was supposed to be a 40-year old woman, not an underage kid."



"My character was to add comic relief to the show, not to promote drinking," said **Madden**.



The Cast...

Steven C. Woolery.....DIRECTOR
Chip Racheter...GEORGE KIMBALL
Irene ErkenBrack....JUDY KIMBALL
Kendra Bouwers.....VICKY
Allison Emerick...BIANCA POWERS
Jaci Newendorp.....

DR. RENEE MORRISSEY

Rachel Madden.....ANDEE NASH
Katie Collins.....JACKIE PULITZER
Randa Van Rheenen...

KAMILA FITZGERALD

Joe Cerwinski.....MR. AKINS
Michael Trotter.....COLE WESTON
Megan Austin....ISABEL WILLIAMS
Ashley Belloma.....PORTIA PHILLIPS
Peter Cline.....MR. MASON

...and Crew

Stage Managers and Assistant Directors:

Randa Van Rheenen, Megan Austin

Light/Sound:

Chris Landon, Anthony Lopez, James Montgomery, Christopher Wills

Crew:

Lech Harris, Leta Hanson, Oakley Klein, Jenni Moore, Stephanie Thomas, Gaoder Vue

Construction:

Megan Austin, Allison Emerick, Ben Farmer, Rachel Madden, Tony Pierson, Dean Rettig



Steven Woolery



Allison Emerick, Chip Racheter



Rachel Madden



Ashley Belloma, Joe Cerwinski, Allison Emerick



Megan Austin

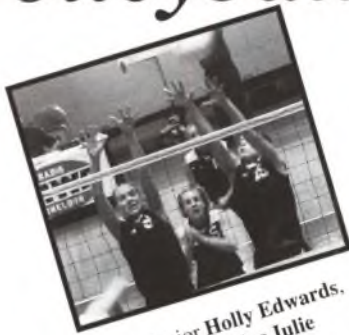


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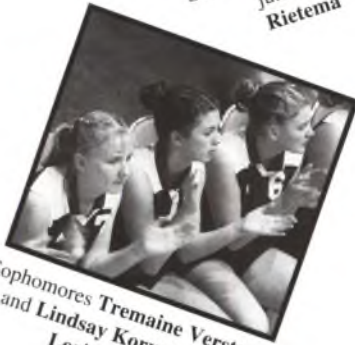
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Volleyball girls make state play-offs



Senior **Holly Edwards**,
junior **Julie Rietema**



Sophomores **Tremaine Versteeg**
and **Lindsay Korver**, senior
Lori Hardin

For the first time in the history of Pella High School, the varsity volleyball team made it to the state finals. With a record of 24-8, the team advanced to state to play Central De Witt. Unfortunately, their victory was cut short due to the loss against the eastern Iowans.

Sophomore **Jena Marlow** exclaimed, "It was a great experience being the first team to make it from Pella. We had a lot of fun, but we were disappointed because we didn't have many fans supporting us. Still, it was a great season because we united together as one team!"

While in Cedar Rapids (state finals location), the team had many other fun adventures. They went to CoralRidge Mall in Iowa City for a fun day of shopping eating at some popular restaurants, such as Applebee's and T.G.I. Friday's.

Junior **Hillary Recker** said, "We had a lot of fun as a team just hanging out. We enjoyed the new experience. It was really exciting to make it that far."



Sophomore **Jena Marlow**

Students enjoy three-day weekend

Winding up the end of the quarter, students knew that parent-teacher conferences were fast approaching. That also meant a three-day weekend for students and staff alike.

Students spent their free time doing a variety of different things.

"My friends and I like to hang out and have pillow fights, but because I'm the smallest, I'm the one who always gets attacked," said sophomore **Kay Haustein**.

For some it was a chance to get out of Pella with friends.

"The last day off, my friends and I went to Des Moines and ate at Okoboji Bar and Grill for lunch and then went shopping at the mall. After that we went and played lazer tag. When we came back to Pella, we ate pizza and watched movies, and then went hot tubbing," said junior **Erica Knoll**.



★Sophomores **Heidi Steenhoek** and **Kay Haustein** pillow fight while hanging out with friends.

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomore **Anna Whatling** flipped over the back extension machine while holding a 25-pound weight. Luckily, she stood up laughing.

Publications hosts craft show



Senior Becky DeKoning checks on a crafter at the publications show.

Over 90 crafters were a part of a craft show hosted Saturday at the high school by the Dutchess/Pelladium publications staff. This was the first year for the staff to host it, and they had to overcome challenges that arose.

Publications Adviser **Ann Visser** said, "Although it was a lot of time spent organizing, I couldn't have been happier with the final result. The publications students were awesome. The crafters were especially complimentary of the way they were helped by the many students who participated."

The students spent a few hours of their time on Friday or Saturday making sure the show ran smoothly and helping the crafters.

"I had a hard time getting up to be here at seven in the morning, but I was happy to help all of the crafters move their stuff in," said junior **Katie Van Dusseldorp**.

Vocal students travel to Norwalk

Vocal students traveled to Norwalk Tuesday for the annual Little Hawkeye Vocal Festival. Students left at 9:30, then they stopped at Southridge Mall to eat in early lunch and do some quick window shopping.

"I thought that it was neat that we stopped at the mall because it gave us an opportunity to just have fun," said sophomore **Sherrie Laughlin**.

At noon, Tim Watson, choir director, took his place and got the 600 students familiar with the songs.

"He handled all of us pretty well. I'm proud of myself for not getting lost and getting on the right bus this time," sophomore **Alex Ung** said.

The orchestra arrived later in the day to accompany the mass choir and prepare for the night's concert. After three mass rehearsals, students were ready for their supper. Schools split off to their assigned rooms, changed into concert attire, and ate.

The concert opened with Schubert's 'Mass in G Major'.

"I felt bad for the choir because they had to stay the whole time, and the orchestra got to leave after we were done



★The 45 students in the select choir performed for the audience included junior **Ali-cia Broach**, sophomore **Kayla Vander Wert**, seniors **Renee Vos**, and **Irene ErkenBrack**. "The day was very long and boring, but the director had some very helpful hints on how to improve our voices," said **Vander Wert**.

playing," senior **Megan Austin** said.

"I was very proud of how well we sang as a mass choir and a small group. I think all directors should learn how to juggle their time," Choir Director **Nickolet Pohorsky** said.



★Sophomore **Emily Filer** reviews music with fellow chorus member sophomore **Annie Carlson**. **Filer** said, "I was so tired by the end of the day, but since all of my friends are in choir, and I sat by some of them, that made it kind of fun."

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Election



"I cared when Alan Keyes was running. But now that he's dropped out, it doesn't really mean much. So, now I'm for Bush."

Freshman **Megan Pothoven**



"It's a close race, but I can't vote. But if I did, I would chose my mom because she controls me already."

Sophomore **Micah Ybarrola**



"When it comes close to the election, the only thing the candidates are concerned about is making themselves look better and putting the others down."

Junior **Jenny Meyers**



"I think that Bush is the best candidate because he's not a 'demcommie'."

Senior **Nick Fischer**



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomore **Chad deVries** was skipping around at work and slipped in a puddle of water. He fell and almost cracked his head on a wooden box.

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Just Face It!

You tell us about
your first week
at practice.



"It was hard because we had to run a lot. We just kept getting more sore every day."

Freshman Brian Melhus
Wrestling



"The first week was difficult, but it was also very fun. I enjoyed getting to know all the other wrestlers."

Senior Nick Brooks
Wrestling



"It was tough getting through the first week because we had just gotten done with volleyball, but we concentrated and worked hard."

Senior Kelli Marlow
Basketball



"We had to do a lot of running to get in shape for the first game; we also started to work on team unity and getting into the flow of things."

Sophomore Tracy Marlow
Basketball



❖ Juniors Allison Emerick, Katie Van Dusseldorp, top, and seniors Amy Riherd and Kim Henle, right, design paper baskets to protect their eggs after the drop from the gym ceiling. "We thought that our basket would hold, but it didn't last through the first drop," said Van Dusseldorp.



Eggs Away!

Physics class conducts experiment

Students in conceptual physics were given five sheets of typing paper, one meter of masking tape, a raw egg, and only one day - Thursday - to create a device to protect an egg from breaking after the impact of a fall.

"A challenge to me was to find the right apparatus to make the egg not break," said junior Sarah Way. Many others found the experiment difficult as well.

Friday, students went to the old gym with their egg devices to test the momentum and impulse of the falling egg with an electronic lift. They started at two meters high, and if the egg didn't break, they went up a meter more each time.

The egg drop experiment involved intellect, quick hands and sheer bravery! The down side: "I'm scared of heights," said junior Jenn Freeman. Freeman wasn't the only one. Junior David Van Wyk said, "It was scary going up on the lift."

Six meters was the highest height anyone reached, and for the eggs that survived, the students entered the Six Meter Club.

Some students even became attached to their eggs.

"... I made it all the way to six meters, and it (the egg) never broke; I have it at home," said junior Wade Lam.

Three selected for All-State festival

The big moment finally arrived for senior Megan Austin, junior Chris Westra, and sophomore Sarah Gilpin, the three students selected to participate in the All-State Festival held Nov. 17-18 on the campus of Iowa State University, Ames. Participants devoted the weekend to practicing and performing, culminating with the Saturday evening performance at Hilton Coliseum.

Austin played bassoon, Westra played viola, and Gilpin played clarinet. Gilpin and Westra were repeat selections for All-State from the 1999 All-State Festival.

Austin said, "I am pleased to be recognized for the honor of all-state after the many hours I spent in the practice room preparing for the audition. It was an incredible experience I will never forget. It was one of the best experiences I have ever had."



Senior Megan Austin



Junior Chris Westra

"All-State is an incredible experience. It's a chance to meet other talented musicians and get over your fear of auditioning. My confidence in playing has improved over the last two years because of my experiences at All-State."

Sophomore
Sarah Gilpin,
All-State Clarinet

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Joe Cerwinske



Angela Sels



Emily Filer, Thom Van Weelden



Emily Shook, Kristin Wares, Jessica Grier



Peter Cline



Kyle Simpson, Cory Vande Kieft

Van Rheenen named 2001 Tulip Queen



☉ Smiling for the camera, seniors **Randa Van Rheenen** (queen), **Jawnica Vaverka** and **Molly Vermeer** (court members) join together after the naming of the Tulip Queen. The three will be Pella High School's representatives on the 2001 Tulip Court. **Van Rheenen** is pictured below.



Senior **Randa Van Rheenen** was named 2001 Tulip Queen on Mon., Nov. 13 at the queen's Announcement Party. Court members included Pella High classmates **Jawnica Vaverka** and **Vermeer**, **Schiebout** and **Van ee**.

After narrowing the field to 12, seven PHS seniors and five Pella Christian seniors competed for the chance to be the 2001 Tulip

Queen. The finalists were seniors **Jaci Newendorp**, **Vaverka**, **Van Rheenen**, **Vermeer**, **Maria Vos**, **Michelle Van Wyk** and **Sarah Vandevoort** and Pella Christian seniors **Orpah Schiebout**, **Jessica Van Zee**, **Jessica Klyn**, **Ariel Mathes** and **Tricia Groenenboom**.

In October, the race for Tulip Queen began. Community members nominated girls they

thought would make an outstanding Queen. Those accepting the nomination had their photographs published in the local media. After the community voted again for their top two choices, the field narrowed to 12.

During the evening, the finalists gave a short presentation and answered questions. Judges rated each girl's overall performance to determine the members of the Royal Court.

Modesty stressed in assembly by best-selling author

Wendy Shalit, the author of the best-selling book *A Return to Modesty* spoke to students and staff about the demoralization of society concerning modesty in her speech "Misunderstanding Modesty" Nov. 14. **Shalit**, who has had letters published in *Time*, *Reader's Digest*, *People*, and *Newsweek*, talked about how the responsibilities of school, parents, and family have changed and how today's culture has become more superficial.

Shalit blamed this demoralization on "mass-media" and "school bureaucracy" and called for a counterrevolution in society where both gentlemen and feminists can coincide. **Shalit** also took issue with the idea that humans could be "... nonemotional and uncaring individuals," which she thinks has led to a loss of respect for women. **Shalit** asked the question,

"When did modesty become a taboo?"

"The people of our generation are starting to accept the very codes of conduct their parents rejected," said **Shalit**. She added that dress is a sign of modesty. "If you truly want to rebel and be modest at the same time, you need to dress modestly. After you have done that then you truly can begin to appreciate your true self."

However, some students expressed their doubts as to the whether **Shalit's** message had much impact.

Shalit wished that the students would strive to gain confidence and believe in themselves through her speech so that they can have hope and "not give into cultures ideas of what is right and what is not."

"I thought what she had to say was interesting, but she beat a dead horse by saying the

same things over again," said junior **Megan Mc Conville**.

"Some of the ideas **Shalit** was talking about wanted to take away our freedoms. She had some good points, but her speech was primarily based toward women," said senior **Adam Yang**.

Assistant Principal **Eric Nelson** wanted the students to understand the main point of **Shalit's** speech.

"I think with all the influences on today's youth, modesty is lost at times. I hope the one idea they can understand is to be aware of themselves and their environment. ... all too often peer pressure influences decisions, and that is what she was trying to address," **Nelson** said.



Brad Veverka



Elisabeth Bruss, Carrie Hibbard



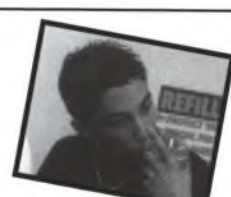
Matt Lahvic



Katie Sopher, Julia Nurse



Chip Racheter



Dan De Haan

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"I went to my relative's house to eat a big Thanksgiving meal. We played games, so it was really fun."

Junior
Joey Rozendaal

"Everything went wrong with the supper. The meat had freezer burn, so we couldn't eat it. So, all we really had was fruits and vegetables."

Freshman
Brandy Vink



Got Munchies?



Senior **Maria Vos** talks with Breakfast Club leader **Pat Oehler** while a group of sophomore and junior girls look on and listen.

"Breakfast Club is a place where we can get together and talk about stuff that's going on in our lives," said Vos.

"We eat food and have a teaching of some sort and hang out and have fun," said sophomore **Amber Seekamp**, who attended almost all of the meetings. Breakfast Club took place most Tuesday morning before school in the high school cafeteria.



As fall sports ended, winter sports practices got underway. Many athletes had high hopes for the upcoming season.

"I think that our practices are going really well, and they should help us to win some of our tough meets this year," said freshman **Brian Melhus**, wrestler.

Some athletes had personal doubts.

"I think that it was kind of bad that we had practice early in the morning, but we need it to be ready for our games," said freshman **Lyndsay Van Maaren**, freshman girls' basketball.

The Turkey Shoot-Out took place in Knoxville Nov. 24

"I thought we did really well at the Turkey Shoot-Out. We all played very hard; it set a tone for the rest of the year," said sophomore **Luke Ballenger**, left.



Freshmen attended Abraham Lincoln's funeral Nov. 21-not the real funeral, of course, but a historical representation of the event.

"I thought that it was different but interesting. There were a lot of things that I found out that I didn't know," said freshman **Matt Terlouw**, above.

Freshman **Maegen Fitzgerald** also thought the assembly was beneficial.

"I thought that it was o.k. The pictures were pretty cool!" said **Fitzgerald**.

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Junior **Jenn Freeman** was dared to eat licorice that had been rubbed on the floor of the bus on the way home from a varsity girls' basketball game.

Thanksgiving brings a time for... Family, Friends, and Food

Thanksgiving was a lot of fun being with family and relatives, playing games, and eating. We went to my grandma's, and then we went back to my house because it was so boring at my grandparent's, and we had been there all day."

Freshman
Sara VerMeer



Fun and Games

"We were playing a game and I caught **Sara (VerMeer)** cheating and called her a Chunky Monkey. But other than that, I had a good day," said senior **Mark VerMeer**. The **VerMeer's** cousin, senior **Megan DeWild**, added, "It was really funny when **Mark** called **Sara** a Chunky Monkey, so she punched him hard." The **VerMeer** and **DeWild** families have been celebrating Thanksgiving together for several years.



It's a Tradition

Junior **Karrie Peterson's** and senior **Lori Hardin's** families have gotten together for Thanksgiving each year since they were both young. The **Petersons** and **Hardins** are longtime family friends.

"For the last six years, our families have gotten together. **Lori** and I make sure we make it to the front of the food line each and every year. After we eat, we always get a movie and go for a walk. We both have sisters who are the same age, so it makes it a lot more fun. We look forward to it every year," said **Peterson**.



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Some seniors were in the lobby during their free hour and saw a dog outside. They let it wander inside the school.

"We go hunting the day before Thanksgiving, and then we eat it on Thanksgiving."

freshman **cory fischer**



freshman **ashley orr**

"We light candles around our house. Each person has their own candle."



"I looked forward to eating turkey because it's finger lickin' good. Mashed potatoes are good too."

sophomore **chris boeyink**



sophomore **adrian bell**

"I ate dinner with a bunch of middle school boys and their families. They're our family friends."



"If I could invite anyone to Thanksgiving dinner, I would invite the one and only **Rosie O'Donnell**.

I'd make her my very best cheesecake and show her how crafty I was with decorations in hopes that she'd invite me on her show to do 'Craft Corner'.

junior **jenn freeman**



junior **wade lamb**

"I would honor myself with the privilege of having **Chris Farley** come to Thanksgiving dinner because he is a great actor."



"I started a new family tradition by baking a pumpkin pie on Thanksgiving. I discovered this spring that I like to make pies."

senior **rachel madden**



senior **andrew pealer**

"I went to a friend's house to have Thanksgiving dinner. I hung out with my friends, had fun, and enjoyed the reality of life."



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Schreuder witnesses two open-heart surgeries



"I've always wanted to be a surgeon, and I wanted to be able to see what I'm getting into."

Senior
Michael Schreuder

Talk about up close and personal! Senior **Michael Schreuder** had the opportunity to watch two open heart surgery operations at Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, Tues., Nov. 29. Schreuder got the opportunity from his youth pastor who is in charge of the intensive care unit at Iowa Methodist.

For sanitary reasons, **Schreuder** was not allowed to bring a camera into the operating room. He also had to scrub in just like a regular doctor.

Unfortunately (in **Schreuder's** opinion), he wasn't the only high school student in the operating room. Another student from Valley High School witnessed the surgeries as well.

"I didn't like that there was another kid there who knew a lot about surgery and knew all the answers to the questions we were asked. I felt inadequate," said **Schreuder**.

Being only a foot-and-a-half away from the patient, **Schreuder** got the full effect of a heart operation. He said the best part of the day was when one of the doctors forgot to close a valve on a tube from a patient, and blood squirted out

onto his glasses and hat.

"I've always wanted to be a surgeon," said **Schreuder**, "and I wanted to be able to see what I'm getting into."

If you had the chance to witness an open heart surgery, would you? Why or why not?

"I wouldn't consider watching an open heart surgery, basically because I cannot stand the sight of blood. I would probably throw up or pass out."

Senior **Lindsey Brouwer**

"I think it would be very interesting to actually see the surgery performed. It would be a little gross with all the blood, but very interesting to see the inside and heart of a human body."

Junior **Wade Lam**

Dancing Queens take second in three events



*Senior **Sarah Vandervoort**, junior **Jessica Grier**, and seniors **Gretchen King** and **Kalen Eastwood** peer out from their hotel room during State Drill Team.



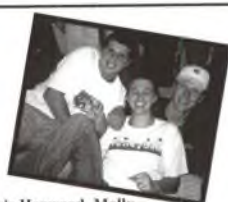
*Forté performs their competition pom routine at the State Drill Team Dec. 1. They also competed in the prop and military categories. Senior **Emily Lubberden** said, "It was a great opportunity and a thrilling experience to perform in front of such a large crowd."

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Bobbi Spencer



Chris Hegwood, Molly Vermeer, Aaron Bonnema



Lacy Moffet



Senior Guys



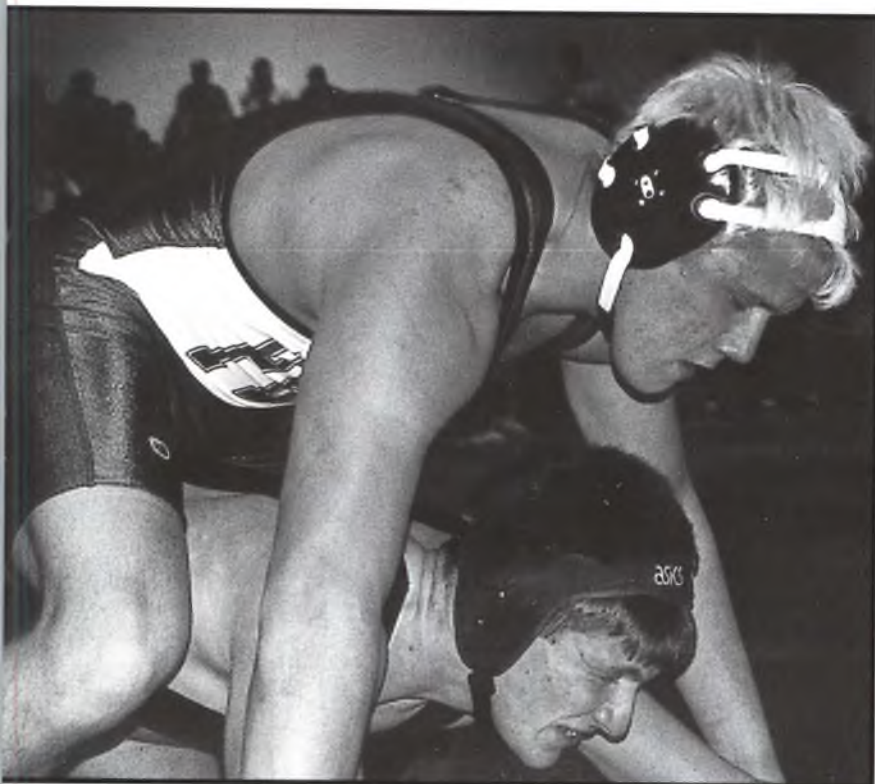
Keith and Michelle Jones



Matt Lahvic

COMPETING in

2000-01



*Senior Keith Jones dukes it out with a wrestler from Norwalk. "The season was a lot of fun, and some of us found a lot of success throughout the season. A few of us are looking forward to going to state and placing in the tops," said Jones.

In Your Own Words

Do you think that the four minutes between classes is enough?



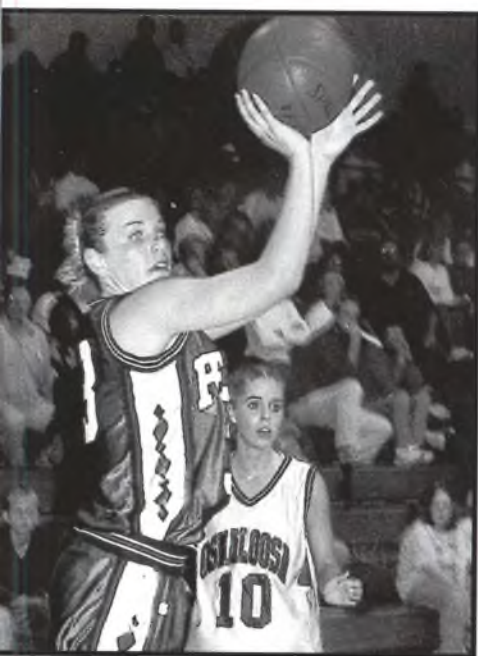
"It depends on where your classes are because if they are really spread out, it is hard to get there and to your locker. Detention stinks when you have too many tardies."
Senior **Jacy Rooney**



"There is just not enough time to get what you need done in the four minutes that are provided. An extra minute should be added."
Junior **Matt Melhus**



"I think it's a fair amount of time, except when my classes are on opposite ends of the school."
Freshman **Whitney Metcalf**



*Senior Ashley Bogaards takes a shot in the Lady Dutch's 56-41 win against Osky. "It was a great conference win ... it was fun to see how well we work together," said Bogaards.



*Senior Matt Spreacker said, "We played very well as a team, and that was the game we found out we could be very good defensively," said Spreacker. The Little Dutch beat Oskaloosa, 74-64.



Emily Filer



Heidi Steenhoek,
Jessica Dingamen, Samantha McCurry



Nick Brooks, Zach Brummel



Dan Goodyk, Allison Roush



Amanda Vanderhart



Sarah Way,
Amanda Steeples

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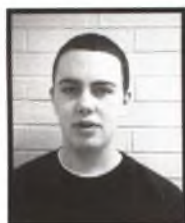
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SOUND OFF on studying



"I try to study a little bit each day so I gain full understanding of what I'm being taught."
Senior Nick Brooks

"When I study I watch T.V. and listen to music I end up getting into the T.V. show and forget about my homework." -Freshman Alice Quangvan



"I just follow the paper the teachers give me."
Sophomore Jessica Boertje

"I don't study really. I do the homework and hope I remember what the paper talked about."
Freshman Sam Johnson

"I always wait until the last minute, then I review everything the period before the test."
Senior Michelle Thomassen

"I put off studying until the last possible minute. But when I do study, I mute the T.V. and listen to music." -Sophomore Brandon Breuklander



"I study with someone in the same class; we help each other with the things we don't know for the test."
Senior Tracy Rhoads

Making the Grade ... students share study habits

Study Survey	
How much do you study per week?	What do you do in study hall?
14% Not at all	24% Study
43% 1-2 hours	27% Media Center
26% 3-4 hours	36% Talk
17% 5 hours or more	2% Mac Lab
Do teachers give too much homework?	Do you listen to the radio when you study?
28% Way too much	23% Rarely
45% A little too much	36% Sometimes
25% Just right	41% Almost always
17% Very little	Do you watch TV when you study?
Do you do all your homework?	29% Rarely
4% Rarely ever	49% Sometimes
25% Sometimes	23% Almost always
44% Almost always	*150 students surveyed in Dec.'00
28% Always	

"I never study. I think school is too easy."
Junior Josh Printz

"After school I go home and study for about two hours, and that's pretty much it."
Sophomore Dustin Eick

"Whenever I find out in advance that there's a test I try and study a little bit right then so I won't have to cram it all in the day before."
Senior Derrica Boot

"I don't really study. I just do my homework and try to remember what I learned from that."
Junior Jessica Reeves



**Pulling up for a shot is sophomore Lindsay Korver. Korver had 12 points against the Eagles.

JV splits with PC

The 'war' continues between Pella High and Pella Christian. The guys' and girls' JV teams played at PC. The guys had a battle, losing a close one to the Eagles. The entire game was a fight for the lead but toward the end of the fourth quarter PC pulled away and won 54-51.

"We played really hard. It was disappointing, but we are excited to play them again," said sophomore Scott Ewell.

The girls' game was another story. Though PC put up a fight, it wasn't a difficult win for the JV girls. They won the game 51-18 keeping their undefeated season intact.

"We were all really excited to play; we had never lost to them before and we wanted to keep it that way," said sophomore Jena Marlow.

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomore Brandon Morgan put grape juice on the top of English teacher Gina Linn's door. When she walked in, the juice splattered everywhere.



Debate finishes second



*Holding their second place all-conference trophy are juniors **Stephanie Thomas** and **Jenni Moore**, and seniors **Rachel Madden** and **Nick Timmer**.

* Junior **Stephanie Thomas** and senior **Rachel Madden** receive their all-conference plaques at Indianola.

Finishing second in the conference debate tournament was a historical moment for debaters when they competed in Central Iowa's all-conference debate competition against Knoxville and Indianola on Dec. 5.

Juniors **Stephanie Thomas** and **Jenni Moore** were the affirmative team; negative team was seniors **Rachel Madden** and **Nick Timmer**.

Additionally, **Madden** and **Thomas** were named all-conference debaters.

Candid Camera



Sophomore **Katie Kniff laughs after slipping on the ice while trying to get out of her car.



Sophomore **Chris Boeyink performs his solo in the jazz band at the SCIBA Jazz Festival at Waukee, where Jazz I placed first. "It was great to be locked into state this early in the year," said **Boeyink**.



Playing the guitar during the SCIBA Jazz Festival is sophomore **Tiffany Pol. This is **Pol**'s second year in Jazz I.



Orchestra concert brings...

Mixed Reviews

The Dec. 7 orchestra concert received mixed reviews from the members themselves following their performance.

"I think we did amazing. Personally, I think I did good. I messed up a little on one song, but it was still good," said junior **Michelle Jones**.

Senior **Megan Austin**, meanwhile, thought they could have done better.

"We didn't get as much rehearsal time as we could have used, and it felt like we all lacked focus that night also. It was very strange," said **Austin**.

Concentrating on playing her violin is sophomore **Elizabeth Garrard. "A lot of us were getting bored of the music because we had been playing it for so long, but when it came all together it was really nice," said **Garrard**.



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

A group of freshman boys threw a snowball at sophomore **Lindsay Korver**'s car; it shattered the windshield.

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Just Face It!

*You tell us about
how you feel
about snow.*



*"I like the summers best,
but I wish it could be like
that all year round. The
snow is nice sometimes when
we get out of school."*

Junior Julia Nurse



*"It should snow more
so we snowboarders can
have more fun."*

Sophomore Cody Boat



*"I hate Iowa weather;
I'd rather be in warm weather
all the time."*

**Freshman
Cricket Vanden Berg**



*"Iowa weather is always
interesting, and you never
know what kind of weather
to expect."*

Sophomore Lech Harris

Walking in a winter wonderland

With students anticipating the shortest winter break in school history, extra vacation days were added by the snow days. With a total of five snow days, the students received some much-needed rest, along with extra days to enjoy the holiday.

"My 'Girls' Night In' party was the highlight of my Christmas break. We relived our middle school slumber parties of Truth or Dare and had a calorie fest. It was suppose to be just one night, but after the snow, it turned into two nights," said junior **Jennifer Floden**.

Many enjoyed the snow, but believed that there were some days that there should have been classes.

"I went snowmobiling and played Play Station during the extra days off," said freshman **Jeremey Olsen**. "I think a couple of days we could have gone to school. I would have rather gone then instead of having to go all through June."

"During our snow days, we had nothing to do with our lives, so I said I wanted to go sledding, but none of my friends wanted to. We



✶ The drifts at Pella Middle School had gotten so high that many of the teachers could not see out of their windows. Roads were covered for days and school was cancelled for days. Having to be made up at the end of the year, school was put into the second week of June.

all went after awhile. It was a lot of fun, and I was with pretty girls," said sophomore **Kyle Simpson**.

Instead of taking the extra time to relax, many took the days off to make a little extra money.

"I had to work at Central (food services) on the days off. They called me the days that school was cancelled, so I didn't get to fully enjoy the break from school," said freshman **Alice Quangvan**.

Along with the snow came the bad roads. Having to get around the snow-packed streets was hard. For junior **Jenny Overbergen**, having to drive on her gravel road

to get home was a challenge.

"Driving was bad because the ditches were full, and the drift shut really easily. After all the snow, the road turns into a one lane road," said **Overbergen**.

For junior **Matt Santiago**, who moved to Pella after living in California, snow was the one thing he didn't enjoy about the days off.

"I hate the snow," said **Santiago**. "Seeing as I'm a Puerto Rican from California, I'm not adapted to handle the snow and ice situations. I much prefer the 70 degree winters of good old California. Once again, I'd like to reiterate the fact that I hate snow."

Dutch take it to the Panthers

The varsity boys' basketball team faced their rivals - the Knoxville Panthers - on Thursday night despite the fact that school had been cancelled due to the poor weather. The game had already been cancelled once before because of ailing conditions.

Pella players traveled to Knoxville to face off against the Panthers. The game was greatly anticipated by players and fans.

"It was a very big game for us," said sophomore **Luke Ballenger**.

"Knoxville was ranked sixth in the state, so we were pretty pumped for the game. We played really hard, and our defense was tough."

Regardless of inadequate road conditions, many fans travelled to Knoxville to watch the game.

"It was a tough game, but I had a lot of fun. There were a lot of fans at the game even though the weather wasn't great, and that was awesome. We came out pumped

up and kept it up through the whole game," said sophomore **Vance Schuring**.

Pella played hard and defeated Knoxville, 74-39, but the game wasn't great for everyone.

"We got off to a fast start, but I hurt my ankle at the beginning of the game. I tried to come back in during the third quarter, but decided it would be better if I didn't play," said sophomore **Piero Hibma**.

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Kenneth Ryerson



Adam Larson



Mark Vermeer



Alicia Heersink, Anne Jacobson



Beau Browne



Jena Marlow

The Show Must Go On

Madrigals perform despite snowy conditions

It was a cold and snowy day. Madrigal students got in an early practice by singing to the humanities class and also by performing for the elderly at a nursing home. Friday after school. The students were setting up when they were told to pack up the food and plates because the festivities planned for later in the evening were canceled due to the weather.

Tuesday morning sophomore **Jason Renaud** got the call that Madrigals was on for that night even though school has not been held due to weather. Practice started at four o'clock that night with set-up and other preparations to get ready for the dinner.

"I thought we did well. The first night we had some problems coming in together and staying together. Our sound was really flat. I was very proud of how we got ourselves together for the Thursday show," said senior **Emily Lubberden**.

Senior **Matt Falcon** was only able to participate in one of the shows due to a prior travel commitment.

"The audience was great Tuesday. I had a lot of fun throwing bread at **(Michael) Trotter**. However, I went to L.A., so I was gone on Thursday, but I heard the audience was throwing bread at the head table. That would have been cool to watch."

The ticket sales for the dinner were below what had been hoped for because of the bad weather that kept most people indoors. Because ticket sales were at an all-time low for the dinner, sophomore **Kyle Simpson's** father bought many tickets for the show so all the



Seniors **Joe Cerwinski**, **Jaci Newendorp**, and **Matt Falcon** sing together for the evening performance of the Madrigal Dinner. The show was finally put together for an audience on Tuesday and Thursday nights after it had been postponed for a week due to school being cancelled because of the bad weather. Despite school being cancelled again for those days, the Madrigal performers still put on a great performance.

work that chorus members put into putting into the dinner was not lost.

After all the postponements and changes, the hard work and dedication put into the show made it a success to all who performed it. Director **Nickolet Pohorsky** was pleased with the outcome.

"I thought that it went very well, and I was very pleased with how the audience responded. The students put in a lot of hard work. It was fun watching everyone eat with their hands," said **Pohorsky**.



"I had the most fun getting to talk and joke with the people who were eating than actually performing. I liked that the people liked my jokes."

-Senior Jessica Post

MEMBERS OF THE MADRIGAL:
Seniors **Megan Austin**, **Joe Cerwinski**, **Irene ErkenBrack**, **Jessica Post**, **Matt Falcon**, **Ben Renaud**, **Matt Lundgren**, **Emily Lubberden**, **Jaci Newendorp**, **Peter Cline**, **Jawnica Vaverka**, Junior **Amy Van Hall**, Sophomores **Jason Renaud**, **Kyle Simpson**, **Michael Trotter**, **Kate Sloan**.
Director **Nickolet Pohorsky**.



sophomore **Jason Renaud**, seniors **Jawnica Vaverka**, **Matt Falcon**, **Irene ErkenBrack**, **Peter Cline**, **Jaci Newendorp**, sophomore **Kyle Simpson**, and seniors **Emily Lubberden**,

and **Joe Cerwinski** sit at the head table of the Madrigal Dinner.



Jacob Ahee



Randa Van Rheenen, Elizabeth Summitt, Kristin Wares, Dan Goodyk



Chase Van Zee



Nicole Beyer



Ashley Sponsler



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"I think the snow days were stupid because we could have had school some of the day, and now we have to make them up."

Freshman **Jeremy Olsen**



"I think the snow days were all necessary because there was a lot of snow coming down and it could have caused accidents and that would have made the school look bad."

Sophomore **Nick Miller**



"I think there were some days that weren't necessary because I think the roads were safe enough to get to school."

Junior **Jacinda Bouwers**



"I thought they were great because I was in England and I didn't want a bunch of homework when I came back."

Senior **Stephen Lynas**



Braving the roads

Many students traveled to enjoy the snow and make the most of their snow days.

"I went sledding in the back yards with my host sister (junior **Allison Emerick**), and I really enjoyed ice fishing, skiing, and snowboarding," said senior **Serena Albani**.

Four seniors endured the 20-plus mile trip to Montezuma to enjoy a little skiing.

"**Justin Van Maaren**, **Heather Vannoy**, **Keith Jones** (seniors) and I went to Montezuma to ski at Fun Valley. I was the only one that had skied before so it was fun watching everybody else, especially big old **Keith**. He fell down the most and one time, he complained of his thumb hurting. We all told him he was a big baby and that he was fine. It ended up that **Keith** tore all the ligaments in his thumb. Overall, it was a great adventure," said senior **Lisa D. Lange**.



Let it

Snow brings back-breaking work

While some were warm and toasty inside their homes, others had the *privilege* of shoveling driveways and other chores to battle the weather.

"I attempted to shovel my driveway, but I barely made two passes, and it was really cold, so I gave up and went inside watched television," said junior **Diana Nguyen**.

"I stayed home and shoveled the driveway and kept the fire going to keep the heating bill low. I also helped my wife with the new baby," said English teacher **Steve Woolery**.

Others had different chores.

"It was really boring because I never got out of the house because I had to watch my brother and sister," said freshman **Lacey Beyer**.



Shoulda had a Camera When...

While driving on a slippery highway senior **Holly Edwards** went into a ditch. Junior **Brianne Schutte** went to pick up **Edwards** and slid into the ditch too.

Baby, it's cold outside!



★Seniors **Justin Van Maaren**, **Vickie Klein**, **Lisa De Lange**, **Heather Vannoy**, and **Tracy Rhoads** get all geared up for a day in the snow. "My friends and I met at **Heather's** (**Vannoy**) house, then went out to the dam where we met up with other people. We went sledding for about five minutes, then went to **Bailey's** (**Visser**) house where her mom made us hot chocolate and pizza," said **Van Maaren**.

★Juniors **Elisabeth Bruss** and **Melissa Pierson** bundle up and get ready to go outside and play in the snow. "It was fun to get all bundled up in our snow pants and coats and everything. It took us awhile to finally make it outside, but we had lots of fun making snow angels and everything. Then we went inside and had hot chocolate," said **Bruss**.



Snow

Time is money

Students took advantage of the time off school to make some money and work their snow days away.

"I worked at Hy-Vee most of my weeks. It was really busy with everybody trying to stock up on food before the storm. It was really hectic in there and I was running wild around that store trying to help all the customers," said junior **Matt Atkin**.

Junior **Melissa Pierson** kept busy at the Pella Day Care.

"It was fun having the days off school, but I worked most of the time. It was kind of wild inside because none of the Day Care kids could go outside to play in the snow and they were tired of being cooped up inside all day. On the

weekend my friends and I got to play in the snow, so we had a lot of fun," said **Pierson**.

"I worked everyday for about eight hours," said sophomore **Ashley Postma**.

Snug as a bug

While some had the courage to brave the blizzard outside, others preferred the regulated temperature inside.

"It was cool because I woke up every day at noon and then played video games until I 'dropped dead'," said senior **John Nistor**.

"I was really bored because I live out in the middle of no where and the roads were too bad to go into town," said freshman **Micaela Grob**.



Shoulda had a Camera When...

Freshman **Andy Oldridge** slipped in his own driveway and nearly broke his hip.

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Wrapping it

Students end the year with holiday festivities

Senior Gretchen King went on a seven day cruise to Cozumel and Rotan. "It was a nice change to lay on the beach in December. I have always wanted to go to the Caribbean, and I'd definitely go back anytime," said King.

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"It was fun going to Walt Disney World again with my family. It was important to me to get to be with them, and doing more stuff with them was very special to me," said junior Kimme-Jo Bowers about her holiday getaway.



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"It was really fun to have little kids sit on my lap while being Santa at Fareway to raise money for Toys for Tots," said senior Mark Brown.

Best

gifts

Worst

"Scanner"
Freshman
Colin Knoll

"A car."

Senior Maria Vos

"Video games."

Freshman

Cha-Kong Vue

"Play Station."

Senior Adam Yang

"A box of \$50 bills totalling \$100."

Sophomore

Matt Redding

"A motorcycle."

Senior Serena Alboni

"Ugly pink floral sheets."

Senior

Ashley Van Sant

"A sweater with a big violin on it."

Senior Irene Erkenbrack

"Chemistry trading cards."

"Inflatable lamp." Senior Laura Reicks

Freshman

John Shaw

"A shirt with horses and fake leather fringe."

Senior Sarah Vandevoort

"Radio with flashlight." Freshman

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Ashley Bogaards, Kalen Eastwood, Kelli Marlow



Matt Spreacker, Kristin Sytsma



Sophomore girls



Jaysen Lopez, Matt Lovan



Jordan Kologe, Lyndi VanVark



Senior, Junior Girls

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"We were dancing at a Christmas party with a bunch of people dancing with strobe lights. It was a 'last!' said freshman Angela LoThi, with freshman Jordy Goodworth.

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"It was really cold, and we went sledding at my house. We got in a big snowball fight; by the end of the day we were all covered in snow. It was a great time," said sophomore Katchyn DePenning.



"One day while in Florida over break, we went out on the boat to an island. When we got there a huge storm came, so we were stuck right in the middle of it," said senior Nick Hatzievgenakis.

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"We were at a cabin in Cordova with my family and Mike Van Dusseldorp's family. We played games, watched TV, and ate food," said sophomore Ryan Terlow, (left)



"After being stranded in the junior parking lot in Karrie Peterson's 'woody' van, which was stuck in a snowbank for 45 minutes, we decided to create some fun. We drove to Hy-Vee, purchased dog chains, and strapped an unwanted Christmas tree to the top of the 'woody'. We then delivered it to a very special sophomore girl to wish her a very happy birthday and a Merry Christmas," said junior Hillary Recker.

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Resolutions

"To be nicer to my dad."
Sophomore
Adrian Bell

"To lift weights and get in better shape."
Sophomore
Kristin Sytsma

"To get along better with people and to lose weight."
Senior April Ozinga

"To further develop my plan to take over the world."
Sophomore Dan DeHaan

"To not hit my brother anymore."
Sophomore Lech Harris

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"Minnesota."
Freshman
Nathan VanKampen

"Visiting family in Des Moines."
Freshman Chung Yang

"The Florida Keys."
Junior Matt Melbus

"I went to New York for a week to visit my family."
Sophomore Amy Laug

"Wisconsin."
Sophomore James Montgomery

Travel



Cory Hill

Randa VanRheenen,
Jordan Kologe, Ruth Esveld

Senior Girls



Sophomore girls

Aaron Bonnema, Nick
Hatzievgenakis

Stuart Steenhoek

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Jazz Band



*Jazz I picked up more than the pieces in Waukee on Jan. 13. They received a 'I' rating in both performance and sight reading.

"We played well and had more confidence going into this performance. The whole band played better because of that," said junior **Ryan Redman**, left, as he struts his stuff on the trap set.

To celebrate, members went to Happy Joe's for pizza.

Boys' Basketball



*The Little Dutch suffered their second close loss to Pella Christian, 65-64. "Being a senior made losing to P.C. twice really disappointing," said senior **Chris Hegwood**.



*Sophomore **Heather Kraayenbrink** finds herself surrounded by eager Pella Christian players. "P.C. was tough and an exciting win for us. They threw a lot of surprises at us; it was good to see that our crowd started to get into the game and support us," said **Kraayenbrink**. Pella defeated Pella Christian, 43-42.

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Senior **Adam Van Wyk** and a group of junior guys stole senior **Randa Van Rheenen's** car and took it for a joy ride.

Stress builds as semester ends

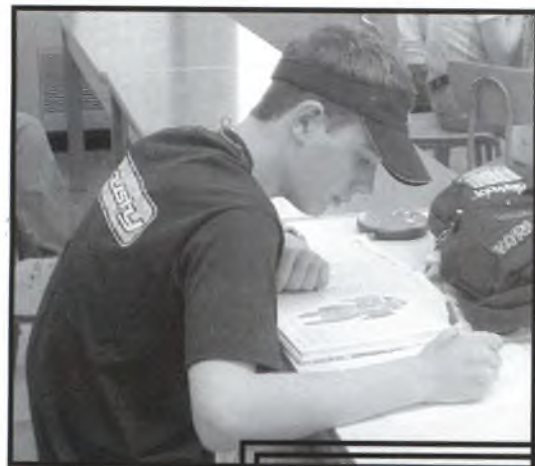
Seniors

*Senior **Zach Brummel** takes a break in the Mac Lab after completing one of several strenuous tests. "Semester tests were a waste of time and a part of the year I could do without," said **Brummel**.



*Junior **Julie Rietema** catches a few z's after one of her exams. Many students felt the impact of taking so many tests. "Semester tests were exhausting; I slept after my test was over," **Rietema** said.

Juniors



Sophomores

*Sophomore **Cody Boat** looks over class materials during semester test week. "I didn't find semester tests very stressful; of course, I never study," **Boat** said.



Freshmen

*Freshman **Alice Quangvan** rests her head on her bag after all of those long tests. "I thought it was a stressful week because I had to study day after day, night after night, for test after test," said **Quangvan**.

In Your Own Words
How do you cope with stress?



"When I'm stressed I like to go to the gym and pitch. Throwing hard helps get my aggressions out."

Junior
Julia Nurse



"I don't have stress; I lead a carefree life."

Sophomore
Tyler Cowman



"I just go watch movies or read funny stories and let my thoughts run free."

Freshman
Darrell Kooistra



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Senior **Shawn Smith** caught his pants on fire in welding class, and senior **Scott Buitenwerf** singed his hair; both in one day of welding.

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Winter Semi-Formal

Approximately one-third of the school attended the dance that netted student council over \$1,000



****Juniors Kevin Ulmer and Sarah Way share a moment with each other.**



****Senior Julia Wilson and sophomore Jocelyn Davis bust a move on the dance floor at the winter semi-formal.**



****Partying at the winter semi-formal are freshmen Toney Chem and Jordy Bloodworth.**

The chilling air on Jan. 20 didn't stop the girls from dressing up in strappy, funky outfits, and the guys from wearing stellar attire for the winter semi-formal. The school was packed with bodies trying to warm up upon arrival.

Things got heated once students hit the dance

floor; the music started, and the fun began.

Junior **Julia Nurse** said, "It was a lot of fun getting all dressed up and going out to eat before the dance. The dance itself was a lot of fun, too."

****"Going to the Winter Formal was a lot of fun; I liked to dress up and see what other people were wearing. Junior Bethany Elliott and I danced the night away," said junior Kimme-Jo Bouwers, front left.**



****"I think it was really exciting. It was cool because the freshmen weren't afraid to get up and dance. The D.J. was great," said junior Stephanie Thomas, back left.**

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Adam Van Wyk



Lori Hardin, Gretchen King



Megan Laughlin



Sam Mc Curry, Nick Miller



Jawnica Vaverka and Jaci Newendorp



Junior Girls

Dutch defeat Grinnell Tigers



Sophomore **Luke Ballenger, left, lets go for two while freshman **Tara Sorensen** dives to the basket. Both teams defeated the Grinnell Tigers in Tuesday night's game.



Candid Camera



Sophomore **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo and senior **Brandon Dahm** are caught dancing at the Winter Semi-Formal.

YAC students travel to News Channel 5

Students on the Youth Advisory Council went to Des Moines to watch a News 5 telecast. They got to do a recording themselves with anchors and weather and camera people. Junior **Adam Roorda, and sophomores **Vanessa Boot** and **Michael Trotter** try their hands at the cameras.

Lights, Camera, Action



Changes for the new semester

Students adapt to new classes as the second semester begins

"I like first semester better 'cause it's an easy semester for me, and second semester you get a grade in study hall, and that's stupid."
Freshman **Darrell Kooistra**



"I liked first semester because I was with a lot of my friends more often. I think this semester is bad because I only have one study hall a day and hardly any classes with my friends."
Sophomore **Harley Templeman**



"My schedule is nicely done for this semester, but I don't have very many of my friends in my study halls, which make the study halls boring when I have nothing to do."
Junior **Mary Beth Van Maanen**



"I like second semester, because I took more classes first semester. I have three study halls, and I can goof off more."
Senior **Shannon Braafhart**



Katie Van Dusseldorp, Lindsey Kiefaber Senior Girls



Ashley Braun



Sophomore Girls



Blaire Ver Hoef, Stuart Steenhoek



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In Little Hawkeye Conference action ...

Little Dutch take down Warriors



*Sophomore **Chris Durham** pins his opponent during the Oskaloosa Wrestling Tournament held on Saturday at Oskaloosa. The Pella Dutch finished with only one first place finish by senior **Nick Brooks**. Senior **Keith Jones** and junior **Adam Frohling** took home second place medals.

The wrestlers took on the Warriors at Waukee Thursday. The evening was full of intense moments, but in the end both junior varsity and varsity defeated the opponent.

"All of the lights in the gym were off except for a spotlight on the mat, so it made it even more intense. We had a lot of key wins to pull off the big win against Waukee," said freshman **Brian Melhus**.

Seniors **Matt Larson** and **Keith Jones**, and **Melhus**, all earned pins. Three other matches were won by regular decision. The Dutch won, 45-23.

"I usually wrestle at 135, but I had to wrestle at 140 instead. I was also sick, but so was the kid I wrestled against. He ended up forfeiting when we went into overtime. Overall, as a team, we did really well," said junior **John Cogle**.

Most wrestlers agreed that it was a tough meet.

"I think we wrestled extremely well at Waukee. We really pulled together as a team. We had a few upset wins that pulled us ahead and won the meet," said junior **Adam Frohling**.

Finding their place in the world of art

Students explore interests through independent art projects



*Junior **Suzanne Corum**'s independent art project focused on photography. "I think that independent art study is a good chance for serious art students to learn more about what style of art they love. I get to do photography; my favorite is working with black and film and light effects," said **Corum**.

Throughout the year, many students explore their personal art abilities. One way to do that is through an independent art study directed by art teacher Jim Emmert. Students work on projects ranging from fashion design to photography to silk-screen printing t-shirts.

"Fashion design is what I am studying. I am working on a gown right now," said sophomore **Alex Ung**.

Some students got an early start on what soon might be their future career. However, some weren't sure if this would be their top choice or not.

"Fashion design is one of my career choices, but I'm not sure yet," said sophomore **Gaoder Vue**.

Senior **Andrew Pealer** chose photography as his independent art study, a popular choice for independent art students.

"I think it's pretty cool; it's a way to let me show my photography to the public. I like to do photography because of all the stuff you can do," said **Pealer**.

Many got interested in their study from television shows. Sophomore **Ala Austin** watched *Sailor Moon* on Cartoon Network and decided to do something like that.

"About five or six years ago, I saw *Sailor Moon* and fell in love with Animerica. Then one day I started wondering what it would be like to draw/edit or show my own," said **Austin**.

Inspirations from all over motivated these students to do what they had chosen. Senior **Nick Brooks** inspired **Katie Hoksbergen** (senior) to work with silk-screen printing.

"My friends give great ideas along with the Internet and **Brooks**," said **Hoksbergen**.

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Shoulda had a Camera When...

Juniors **Megan McConville** and **Staci Kruseman** had a Friday night ritual of making a trip to Wal-Mart and walking around the entire store.

Students enjoy the lighter side of sports

Intramural basketball was a good way for students to get their energy out and to get exercise during the cold winter months. It also was a way for students to enjoy sports without the stress of serious competition.

"Intramural basketball was a great experience for me. It was a blast playing underclassmen and giving them a whooping like they deserve. It also was great for the ghetto ball skillz,'" said senior **Robbi Hill**, below.

The students participated in the intramural basketball program on

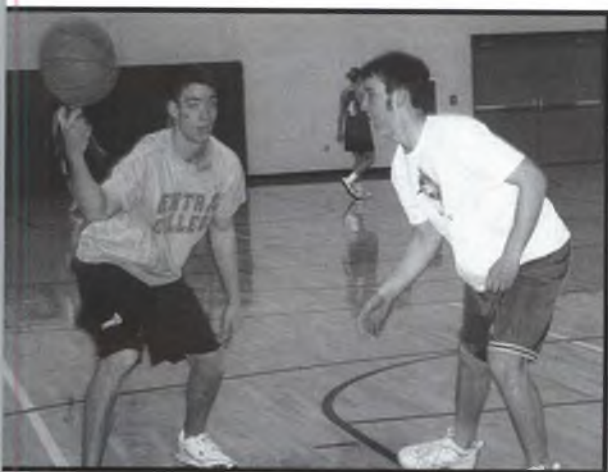
Monday nights after school. Many upperclassmen as well as a few underclassmen participated.

"This year wasn't as fun because the underclassmen were not much of a challenge," senior **Brad Chamra** said.

"It was really fun because the upperclassmen really challenge you. You could learn a lot from them because they had great sportsmanship. I think they should have intramural basketball

more often because it's fun for everybody involved," said freshman **Chris Vos**.

★"It was a good time, but it would have been better if my team showed up," said senior **Adam Van Wyk**, below. **Van Wyk** resorted to shooting free throws instead.



Time to party! It's the Super Bowl!



Seniors **Gretchen King** and **Adam Van Wyk** take time out for a little resting during the game. "The Super Bowl party was a great time until things got a little crazy, and those big boys squished me!" said **King**.

People across the country used Super Bowl XXXV as a chance to get together friends and party as the Ravens and the Giants battled it out.

"My friends and I stuffed our faces. Nobody was really paying attention to the game, and we were just hanging out, laughing, and having fun," said junior **LaMart Bacaam**.

Most confessed that they didn't pay too much attention to the game.

"I went to one of my friend's house and watched the game and ate junk food. We mostly watched the commercials more than anything," said sophomore **Elizabeth Garrard**.

"My friends and I went to (freshman) **Jordy's** house (**Bloodsworth**). We kind of watched the Super Bowl until halftime, then we watched *Coyote Ugly*," said freshman **Lauren Birkel**.

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Super Bowl



"I stayed home because I didn't care about the game and wanted to finish my homework, which paid off on the test."
Freshman **Dustin Browne**



"I went to one of my friend's house We mostly watched the commercials though."
Sophomore **Elizabeth Garrard**



"I went over to my friend's grandma's house to watch the game; it was the best Super Bowl party of my life, especially since the Ravens won."

Junior **Adam Frohling**



"I went to my friend's, watched the game and ate lots of food."

Senior **Derrica Boot**



Shoulda had a Camera When...

Senior **Shannon Steenhoek** piled nine other people in her car and kept driving around forever looking for a parking spot, not realizing how crammed the others were.

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Just Face It!

You tell us about
you think about
'Groundhog's Day'



"There should be
a Woodchuck Day
that should tell how long
summer will be."

Sophomore **Jason Pridgen**



"It works!"

Freshman **Josh Jaarsma**



"It doesn't matter;
either way we will have six
more weeks of winter."

Senior **Katie Hoksbergen**



"What is
Groundhog's Day?"
Senior **Jon Nistor**
(exchange student
from Romania)

Waits named football Academic All-State



Senior **Colin Waits** was honored by the Iowa Football Coaches Association as a member of the Academic All-State Team. The announcement was made at Friday's pep rally.

Football coach **Matt Schulte**, who nominated Waits for the award, made the announcement.

"Colin put in a lot of work for four years and didn't play a lot his freshman, sophomore, or junior year because of injuries, but he did

a good job and played well his senior year," said **Schulte**.

The award was given to only student athletes in Iowa who participated in football last fall. To receive it, a student athlete must be a senior starter, have a 3.4 grade point average or higher, involve themselves in school and community activities, and have a coach recommendation.

Senior **Colin Waits** brings it down the field for the Dutch. Waits was also a named a captain for the football team.

Speech Results

An Endangered Species: Waking Up (juniors **Ashley Belloma**, **Bethany Elliott**, sophomores **Michael Trotter**, **Gaoder Vue**, **Jason Renaud**, **Kendra Bouwers**, freshman **David Trotter**) State I; advanced to All-State

All I Needed to Know I Learned in Kindergarten (seniors **Megan Austin**, **Nick Timmer**, juniors **Belloma**, **Karrie Peterson**, sophomores **Catie Beck**, **Lech Harris**, **Dan De Haan**, **Alex Ung**), District II

High School Soap (sophomores **Amy Cline**, **Samantha Mc Curry**, **Megan Weiler**, **Michelle Westra**, **Anna Whatling**), District II

Pirates of Penzance (seniors **Jaci Newendorp**, **Irene ErkenBrack**, **Jessica Post**, sophomore **Kyle Simpson**), State I

Neighbor's Chorus (senior **Rachel Madden**, junior **Allison Emerick**, sophomores **Oakley Klein**, **Harris**, **Katie Kniff**, **Trotter** freshman **Darvin Graham**), District II

In God's County (seniors **Joe Cerwinski**, **Rachel Madden**, **Chip Racheter**, **Beck**, **LaCosta Goos**), State I

Group Improv I (seniors **Austin**, **Cerwinski**, **Racheter**, sophomore **Harris**), State I

Group Improv II (sophomores **De Haan**, **William Van Weelden**, **Nick Miller**, freshman **Brandon Boat**, **Kyle Eastwood**), State I

Group Improv III (junior **Emerick**, sophomores **Cline**, **Westra**, **Whatling**), District II



Speech participants await their scores in the gymnasium of the school at State. One of the highlights for participants was being able to meet students from other schools.

Wrestling goes head-to-head with Osky

Varsity wrestlers traveled to the Little Hawkeye Conference Meet in Oskaloosa and placed fourth as a team.

"I think we performed well, and we wrestled with enthusiasm," said sophomore **Zach Van Wyk**.

Teammate **Russell Hoksbergen** agreed.

"I thought we came together as a team. We wrestled well, but didn't win enough in the finals," said **Hoksbergen**.

Senior **Nick Brooks** placed first in the heavyweight division after pinning the ninth-rated 3A wrestler.

"Going into the match I wasn't sure how hard it would be, but once we started wrestling, I knew I was going to win," said **Brooks**, who finished with the first place medal and two pins.

Sophomore cheerleader **Jocelyn Davis** said, "The wrestling team

was quite determined to prove that they were the best that they could be."

Others who placed at the LH were **Van Wyk**, second; senior **Keith Jones**, third (two pins); a sophomore **Zach Van Horn**, third (after winning his first match overtime).

Junior **John Cogley** wrestled a weight class and finished with a 9-7 win after being down 7-1.

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Rachel Madden



Jason Renaud



Stephanie Thomas



Lech Harris



David Trotter



Katie Van Dusseldorp, Staci Kruse

Girls overcome Pella Christian; boys fall short ... again



Both girls' and boys' varsity teams went head-to-head Tuesday against rival Pella Christian Eagles. Filling up Kuyper Gym at Central College, fans from both teams saw everything that could happen in a night.

After falling behind early in the game, the Lady Dutch came back to take a 24-15 lead into the locker room at halftime. They ended the third quarter with a 35-27 advantage and held on for the 42-33 win.

Senior **Ashley Bogaards** was the leader with 13 points while junior **Julie Rietema** had 12 points.

"Going into the game everyone expected us to lose, but we knew we could beat them. Everyone stepped it up, and we had a lot of energy on the court. We went in there and did what we had to do," said sophomore **Lindsay Korver**.

For the boys, it was a different story. At the

☛Sophomore **Klayton Korver** flies up for the rebound against two Pella Christian defenders. "We didn't play as well as we would have liked," said Korver. "We were hoping to pull out the victory, but P.C. played a great game!"

end of the first quarter, the Dutch led by nine points, but Pella Christian came back and tied the score at halftime, 35-35.

P.C. led by two going into the final quarter and then extended that lead to 66-58. The Dutch fought back to within one, but when the buzzer sounded, the Eagles were 68-67 winners.

Senior **Matt Spreacker** had an outstanding night with 27 points while teammate **Pierce Hibma**, sophomore, contributed 13.

"We came into the game very confident, even though we had lost our first game to them. Although we lost, I thought we played very hard. It was tough losing to Pella Christian twice in one season, but we learned a lot from this loss," said sophomore **Luke Ballenger**.

Senior **Chris Hegwood** also felt the same way. "It was really disappointing losing to P.C. two times in one season."

Coach **Mark Core** said, "I thought the players did a good job of putting themselves in position for the game but P.C. made more good plays down the stretch."

Smokey Row celebrates its grand opening

Pella's new coffee shop, Smokey Row, had its grand opening Thursday. Along with many others, several high schoolers showed up for the event.

"I think Smokey Row is a fun place to go with friends when we're bored," said freshman **Lauren Birkel**.

That means Smokey Row is often busy.

"Friday nights are very full; there's no place to sit," said sophomore **Cassie Boertje**.

Students also enjoy the scenery of the remodeled building that was formally Aime Remembered floral shop, including the hardwood floors and brick walls and a loft with a very low ceiling.

Senior **Joe Cerwinski** said, "I think they need to make the ceiling of the loft a little taller for us tall people. I hit my head."

Sophomore **Katie Phillips** said, "I like the wallpaper; the design is fun."

Smokey Row has hired students, including sophomore **William Van Weelden**, who was very excited to hear that he had a job there.

"I think it's great," said **Van Weelden**.

The grand opening was a roaring success for the restaurant and coffee shop.

"I think it's a cool place. I like the drinks, and the food is good, too. Smokey Row is a great place to hang out," said senior **Andrew Pealer**.



☛Sophomores **Michelle Westra** and **Brittany LeMay** enjoy the laidback scene at the grand opening of Smokey Row. Smokey Row opened unannounced on Jan. 19, but didn't hold its grand opening until Feb. 3. Along with the food, coffee, and ice cream, a Central College band, Vertigo, performed to help celebrate the grand opening. **LeMay** said, "The atmosphere is really relaxed, and it smells really good!"

Smokey Row now offers a new place to hang out and have fun while enjoying good foods and drinks.



Matt Klassen



Samantha McCurry



Gaoder Yue



Chase Van Zee, Adrian Bell



Kendra Bouwers



Nick Miller

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Wild for YAC

The Youth Advisory Council hosted a get-together for community teens for the first time on Saturday at the Pella Legion Hall. The night consisted of food, fun, and lots of laughs as the microphone was opened up to the crowd. People were encouraged to bring blow up furniture and blankets to sit on at the meeting.

"It was fun. The band was really good. I sang with **Joe Cerwinski** (senior) the song from *Aladdin*," said sophomore **Samantha McCurry**.

Some memorable acts included a band composed of freshmen **Darvin Graham, Cory Hill, Luke Rauch, Ryan Salter, and Kellee Van Hemert**.

"It was our first gig. I'm glad it went a lot better than we thought it would," said **Graham**.



What do you want to be when you grow up? That was the question asked by the office techniques class when they went to Wal-Mart. While there, students learned about different kinds of jobs and what exactly Wal-Mart employees do. The class followed around various workers and were given an insight to what it is like to work at Wal-Mart. Some felt it was an educational experience that would help them make decisions for their own lives.

"It wasn't quite the job shadowing experience I expected, but we learned a lot about the positions they have at Wal-Mart and the advancement within the career," said senior **Ashley Westman**, below.

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomore **Chris Shrout** was going 40 mph around an icy corner and drove his car up on a snow drift, nearly flipping it.

9th Basketball



Who says white men can't jump? Freshman **Jon Vermeer** goes up for a shot against Knoxville. The freshmen team came up short on the game that was played Mon., Feb. 6. "The Knoxville game didn't go as well as we would have liked it. We were a little fatigued from playing so many games that week. Although it didn't go well, we were determined to play hard the rest of the season," said Vermeer.

"Our wrestling team has gotten a lot better over the season. I'm very excited about the six of us going to districts. It's a great incentive to all of our hard work this season."

Senior **Nick Brooks**

Wrestlers Advancing:

1. Joe Burch
2. Justin Caldwell
3. Zach Van Wyk
4. Adam Frohling
5. Nick Brooks
6. Keith Jones



"A lot of us wrestled well but some of us could have wrestled a little better. We did pretty good in the team standings. Our team turned out to be better than we were at the beginning of the season."

Freshman
Justin Caldwell



Love is in the air...

Love was definitely in the air when youth members of Third Reformed Church held a Valentine's Day supper for church members who purchased tickets for the dinner. The money raised was for the support of summer Youth Mission Trips to Chicago and West Virginia. "It was a lot of fun working in the kitchen at the dinner. It got boring sometimes, but we had plenty of towel fights to keep us entertained," said sophomore **Sarah Vos**. Some of the other jobs included serving the dinner and valet parking. A free child care service was also provided.



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Junior **Austin Vander Linden** was driving his grandparents' Suburban in Des Moines. It broke down, forcing **Vander Linden** and his friends to ride back in a little car with his grandparents.

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38% of females think the most appealing feature on a guy are his eyes.

When given the choice of what students would look for first between intelligence and looks, 86% of the people surveyed chose looks.

76% of females prefer spiky hair.



Junior Scott Mathes



Senior Justin Van Maaren



Freshman David Vannoy

47% of females feel that the best personality trait is humor.

I've noticed you around . . .

I find you very attractive



54% of males think a women's most appealing feature is her body.

56% of males feel that the most appealing personality trait for women is humor.



Junior Hilary Pearson



Sophomore Annie Carlson

Medium length hair is preferred by 74% of males.

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Kalen Eastwood



Robbi Hill



Gretchen King, Lori Hardin



Senior Girls



Brian Steenhoek, Matt Melhus



Aaron Bonnema

Valentine's Day brings variety

Long distance romances mean adjustments

Valentine's Day. A time for students to get together with the person they care about, no matter what the cost. For those out-of-town couples, extra planning had to take place to make the day go smoothly.

"I talked to my girlfriend's grandma. I went to her house when she was not home and left flowers and a teddy bear on her bed to surprise her. Then I showed up later to take her out to dinner," said junior **Wade Lamb**.

On the other hand, for some couples with long distance relationships, getting together was no problem at all.

"My boyfriend drove down here all of the time to see me, so this was just like any other day. It wasn't hard to get together at all," said senior **Chelsea Van Gorp**.

Getting to see each other on a day of the week that they usually might not get together because of other conflicts made this day even more anticipated.

"Valentine's Day wasn't difficult to get together with my boyfriend because he came to Pella a lot anyway. It was more special, though, because I didn't get to see him every day," said junior **Sarah Van Der Hart**.

A day of song, dance

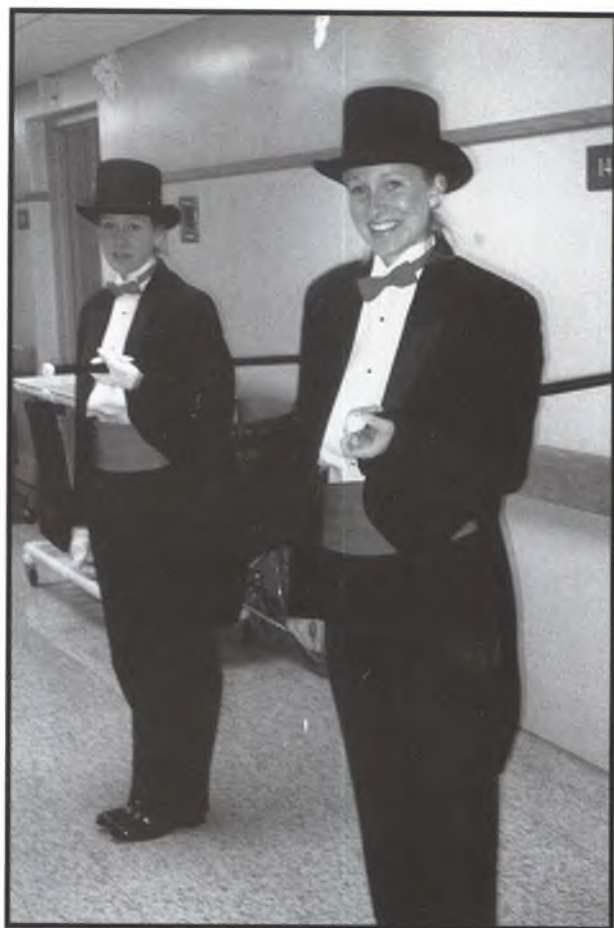
"I love you, baby" were the words juniors **Heather Vande Lune** and **Sarah Way** were singing on Valentine's Day as they worked for De Snoepwinkel.

Coming in at 8 a.m. and ending at 6 p.m., these two had a lot to conquer. Slick roads made travel complicated. After delivering to one of the local businesses, the two escaped a near-death experience of falling down a full flight of wet stairs.

Bundles of balloons also blocked their driving vision. Balloons kept shrinking and expanding due to the drastic temperature change between the van and the outdoors.

Dressed in tuxedos with tails and top hats, the girls delivered gifts and a singing telegram.

Way said, "I thought the whole day was a blast. Heather and I had a great time singing and dancing for people."



*The dancing duo - juniors **Sarah Way** and **Heather Vande Lune** - strut their stuff at the Pella Regional Health Center.

What you dislike about the opposite sex?

"When men pretend that they're listening but they're not."

Sophomore
Megan Parsons

"When men break up with you and give some lame excuse."

Junior
Mary Beth Van Maanen

"Women are manipulative and neurotic."

Sophomore
Lech Harris

"I hate that time of the month."

Junior
Ryan Redman

"Guys with huge egos."

Freshman
Savannah Veenstra

"When females travel to the bathroom in groups."

Senior
Nick Fischer

Night to Remember

"Me and my significant other went to a quiet peaceful cafe in Little Rock, Ark., and had a nice, peaceful dinner. After that we went to a Mountain Tower and overlooked the city before sundown. It was very romantic."

Sophomore **Tyler Criss**

The best date I've had was with Tiffany (Pol). The only way we were going out is if I went to church with her. After about an hour of church, we went back to her house and watched a movie."

Sophomore **Oakley Klein**

Night to Forget

"A friend from work told me to go out with her boyfriend's friend. So, being the nice person I am, I said yes. My friend and I both took our cars and went to Oskyo to his house. Got there, looked at him, and he was not up-to-date in the fashion world! UGLY!! Anyways, we sat down and watched *Road Trip*. When the movie was over, I left. I said maybe two words to him. It was horrible. I wasn't attracted to him, so I didn't want to talk to him."

Junior **Shelley Vander Werff**



Jenny Van Dyke



Heidi Steenhoek,
Annie Carlson, Katelyn De Penning



Bethany Elliott



Kristin Wares,
Elizabeth Summitt



Ashley Van Sant



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A Night of Broadway

...it started out like a song



** Katie Sopher, a junior performs in the junior triple trio.



** Seniors Jessica Post and Jaci Newendorp perform with sophomore Kyle Simpson.

Senior **Jessica Post** shared her "New Philosophy," senior **Emily Lubberden** heard "The Sound of Music," and sophomore **Michael Trotter** had "Good Things Goin'" at the Feb. 13 Chorus concert.

Broadway came to the auditorium for chorus' Night of Broadway. Music from "Oklahoma," "Saturday Night Fever," and many other musicals were performed.

"I thought the concert went well. I really didn't want to do half the things I did because I was embarrassed, but it turned out to be a lot of fun," said sophomore **Kyle Simpson**.

The evening was filled with applause, cheering, and standing ovations for a variety of solo, small group, and large group pieces.

"The concert went well. The songs were good and fun to sing. I had a great time," said sophomore **Sharilyne Hoekstra**.

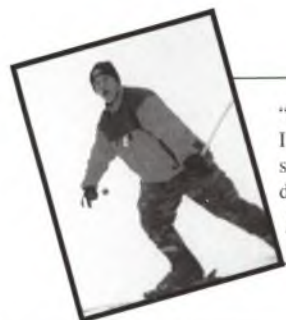


** Singing her solo "Long Before I knew You" is senior Irene Erkenbrack.



"It was the first time I had ever gone skiing. I had a lot of fun with my friends. It was a great day!"

Senior Patty Bogaards



"I had a blast! It was awesome when I went off onto the back trails. I screamed like a girl the whole way down."

Senior Adam Van Wyk

Seniors go Ski Crazy

"This is a bad idea," said senior **Ryan Kiburz** as she went down the advanced hill on Feb. 15 during the senior ski trip. Just after passing the ski test, senior **Brad Roose** and **Kiburz** decided to try out the advanced hill.

Many other seniors opted to tube instead of ski. Senior **Jennie Bandstra** said, "I passed the ski school to prove that I could and promptly began tubing."

Many seniors took hard falls during the day, and some got seriously injured. Senior **Matt Spreacker** got a bloody nose, senior **Nick Hatzievgenakis** hurt his elbow, and senior **Gary Pothoven** suffered a concussion and temporary memory loss.

Senior **Justin Van Maaren** said, "The senior ski trip was a lot of fun, and there were hard falls that I won't forget. The best times were spent off the trails."



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

The varsity boys' basketball team sang the national anthem before their Saturday night game against Mount Pleasant.

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Step right up!

NHS volunteers at the elementary Read a Million Minutes carnival



*Handing out prizes to elementary students during the NHS carnival is junior **rah Way**. "The carnival was productive, and the kids were anxious to play the games. Overall, I think the experience was beneficial to everyone involved," said **ay**.

Games, food, fun- there was no end to the activities for the elementary students at the reading carnival held at the high school on February 16.

National Honor Society students helped run the games and handout prizes.

"I think the kids enjoyed it, and I also liked working with the kids. It was a little too crowded, but I think we should help again next year," said **Jonathan Walley**, junior.

"We are very thankful for the National Honor Society students. They did a great job of running the games and were great with the elementary students. The elementary parents were able to spend the evening with their children instead of working," said **Mary Cortis** a Pella Elementary Parents spokesperson.



Candid Camera



**All State speech members take time for a picture at their districts competition.

FFA competes at leadership contest; three advance to districts

Extemporaneous Speaking- **Brad Chamra-Gold**
Public Speaking- **Jennie Bandstra-Silver**
Job Interview- **Wendy Seekamp-Gold**
Ag Broadcasting- **Scott Mathes-Bronze**
Ag Sales- **Lucas Balmer-Bronze**
Chapter Program- **Kevin Ulmer, Jacob Ahee-Bronze**
Conduct of Meetings- **Amber Seekamp, Joe Knight, Russell Hoksbergen, Ashley Sample, Lance De Vries, Jon Miller, Darren Kooistra-Gold**
Chapter FFA Quiz- **Adam Vande Voort, Jeremy Olsen, Darrell Kooistra-Bronze**
 Sub-Districts were held at Albion on Feb.13



** Freshmen **Courtney Fleenor** and **Chelsea Freese** sign a get well card for senior **Tony Pierson**.

Pierson undergoes brain surgery

On Feb.14, I underwent brain surgery in Iowa City under the care of **Dr. Van Gilder**. It turns out that I had a cyst on my brain that was a result of a pocket of spinal fluid not draining like it was supposed to. My physicians felt that my condition put me at a greater risk of a fatal brain injury sometime in my life. The numbers they threw around were an increase of tenfold for the chances of a hemorrhage. Surgery was strongly recommended.

I remember the day quite well. I remember feeling this incredible peace before going under the knife. When I woke up, I had a huge bandage around my head. Eventually, they took it off, and I found a rather good-sized question mark-shaped incision on the right side of my head. I had hardly any hair left. That was the worst part of it all.

I recovered quickly and was back in school within two weeks of surgery. I have no doubt that my recovery was due to all the prayers that I had on my side.

I thank all of you who prayed for me. It definitely helped my family and me get through this obstacle. I am forever grateful.

by **Tony Pierson



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomores **Sharilyne Hoekstra** and **Beth Jones** and junior **Heather Vande Lune** drove around town all Saturday night chasing deer.

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Grammys



".. it was good that Elton John and Eminem were trying to make a good statement yet I felt that Eminem was making fun of John."

Freshman **Lacey Beyer**



"I thought it was strange that Elton John decided to perform with Eminem because he insults gay people. It turned out to be an o.k. performance, though."

Sophomore **Dustin Eick**



"I really didn't care who won the awards as long as the music was good."

Junior **Matt Lovan**



"I thought it was odd that Eminem denied knowing Elton John was gay. Most of it was hyped to get you to watch the Grammys."

Senior **Tracy Rhoads**

Dealing with hunger mirrors reality

No food for 30 hours! Imagine. Participants in the 30-Hour Famine were officially cut off from food from 1 p.m. Friday until Saturday at 7 p.m. This event was a charity fundraiser for World Visions, a group that combats starvation and world hunger in Third World countries.

During the evening students participated in many activities, such as kojoby can-can, killer ball, and kickball. They also watched movies, and the girls did make-overs.

"I thought it was fun. We had

cool games. But I (as well as everybody else) got really hungry. The food at the end was great, though!" said junior **Matt Santiago**.

Participants went door-to-door, asking for can or food contributions.

"Going around town in the rain was fun. People thought we were crazy for it, but it was an experience I won't forget. Also, it felt good to do something for the less fortunate, and I think it made our church group grow closer together," said junior **Jennifer Floden**.

★Youth Pastor Lonney Moore, freshman **Collin Knoll**, juniors **Matt Santiago**, **Wade Lamb**, freshman **Brad McNabb**, and junior **David Van Wyk** show off their homemade famine shirts. "Making t-shirts for the 30-hour famine was really fun. Some friends and I made some really cool-looking shirts, and while we were at 30-Hour Famine, the t-shirts made us all stand out as a team. We kicked everybody's butts in indoor kickball champions," said **Santiago**.



"Doing a can drive in the rain was cold and wet, but it was still fun knowing that I was helping people out," said freshman **Collin Knoll**.

Sophomore **Jocelyn Davis** said the event taught her important lessons.

"It was a real test that made me face reality. Knowing that millions of people go without food is heartbreaking. Hopefully, the numbers will decrease with the help of many others," said **Davis**. Junior **Erica Knoll** agreed.

"It was a real eye-opener for many of us. World

Visions gave us

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"That was our inspiration."

Nine attend Weekend for Strings at ISU

Nine members of the orchestra spent Feb. 23-24, Friday and Saturday, playing at Iowa State University.

Selected students included junior **Chris Westra**, sophomores **Megan Weiler**, **LaCosta Goos**, **Mary Hiemstra**, **Amy Kappel**, **Jaci Van Ee**, and **Kayla Vander Wert**, freshmen **Amber Breuklander** and **Saretta Tillmaand**, and Director **Charlee Eekhoff**.

The practice was scheduled with

four songs and three Iowa State University woodwind players; it was directed by the ISU Director **Mark Laycock**. Practicing started at 8:30; the amount of practicing totaled about six hours each day, nonconsecutively.

According to **Eekhoff**, the students listened to the ISU Concerto Aria Competition winners in concert on Friday evening. Then the students were housed by ISU orchestra students overnight. Saturday afternoon, the

students had a final performance.

"Basically we practiced a lot about 11 hours that weekend. Then on Saturday we performed, and think we did very well," said **Vander Wert**.

This year was the second year the orchestra has attended the ISU event.

Goos said, "The most enjoyable part of the weekend was staying in the dorms with college students. We drank hot chocolate and spilled it all over."

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David VanWyk, Brad McNabb, Matt Santiago



Wade Lamb, Jennifer Floden



Joe Santiago



Jocelyn Davis, Andrea Brobst, Jennifer Floden



Erica Knoll



Elisabeth Bruss

Lady Dutch qualify for state



★Sophomore **Tracy Marlow** said, "Winning sub-state was such an accomplishment for our team. We've worked toward making it to state all year, and our hard work and practices have paid off to get us this far." Senior **Ashley Bogaards** also shared her enthusiasm for finally achieving her dream and making it not only to sub-state, but to state. "At that moment we were all really excited and were happy to see our hard work pay off to reach our lifelong dream; we were really excited to walk into Vets and play in there," said **Bogaards**.

A victorious night ... next up, sub-state. The Lady Dutch met Knoxville head-on and dominated them throughout the game. The high intensity of the game gave Pella a 13-point lead over Knoxville, 27-14, at the half.

"Going into the game, we were nervous because it's hard to beat a team three times in one season. But we went in there and did what we had to do. It was exciting getting one step closer to state," said sophomore **Lindsay Korver**.

Senior **Ashley Bogaards** led the team by scoring 16 points as the Lady Dutch easily outdistanced Knoxville, 51-27. **Bogaards** was also the leading rebounder in the game.

The excitement for the Lady Dutch would continue on for the week. The team's dream finally attained when the girls made state in a final game against the Waukee Warriors. The game was close, but the Lady Dutch won, 37-31.

24 speech entries advance to state contest

Individual Speech Results

<u>Prose</u>				<u>Public Address</u>			
Junior Stephanie Thomas	I			Sophomore Lech Harris	II		
Sophomore Catie Beck	I			Timmer	I		
Junior Jenni Moore	I						
<u>Storytelling</u>				<u>Acting</u>			
Sophomore Michael Trotter	I			Austin	I		
Senior Rachel Madden	I			Sophomore Alex Ung	I		
Junior Allison Emerick	I			Junior Bethany Elliott	I		
<u>Spontaneous Speaking</u>				Trotter	I		
Thomas	IV			Madden	I		
Sophomore Samantha McCurry	I			<u>Exposition</u>			
				Sophomore Gaoder Vue	II		
<u>Poetry</u>				Ung	I		
Senior Nick Timmer	I			<u>Improvisation</u>			
Sophomore Anna Whatling	I			Senior Joe Cerwinski	I		
Senior Megan Austin	I			Sophomore Chris Wills	I		
<u>Literary Program</u>				<u>Radio</u>			
Freshman Rebecca Elliott	II			Cerwinski	I		
Senior Colleen Ewell	I			Harris	II		
Sophomore Leta Hanson	I			<u>After Dinner Speech</u>			
<u>Original Oratory</u>				Wills	I		
Moore	I						

With over 80% of the pieces entered receiving a top rating, speech students came home victorious from Brooklyn Saturday. They earned 24 "I" ratings of 29 categories entered.

"I was surprised that I got a 'I' rating for my speech because I completely forgot part of it. At least I recovered well. Mr. Woolery was very excited with all of the 'I' ratings we received," said senior **Nick Timmer**.

"Being disqualified wasn't one of my finest moments because I lost by four words, and it put a dent in the winning streak for the day. But personally, I had a great year, and so did the team. I didn't let that loss get me or the team down," said junior **Stephanie Thomas**.



★Sophomore **Lech Harris** prepares for his presentation in the public address division of individual speech Saturday. "I was a little disappointed receiving only a II rating in both of my speeches, but there's always a goal for next time," said **Harris**.



Brianne Schutte



Allison Roush, Karrie Peterson



Jason Pridgen



Holly Edwards



Matt Lovan



Kelli Marlow

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Just Face It!

You tell us what you're trying to give up for Lent.



"I'm trying to give up *ala carte* and *chocolate*."

Freshman **Sam Reicks**



"I'm giving up *television*"

Sophomore **Jennifer Van Veldhuizen**



"Anything with *sugar*, I'm trying to avoid."

Counselor **Mike Vint**



"I'm not giving anything up. I thought about it, though."

Sophomore **Jason Renaud**

Congratulations on your new... FLOUR?!

Five pounds may not feel like a lot until you have to carry it around with you for a week. You learn to appreciate a parent's commitment to have their child with them all the time.

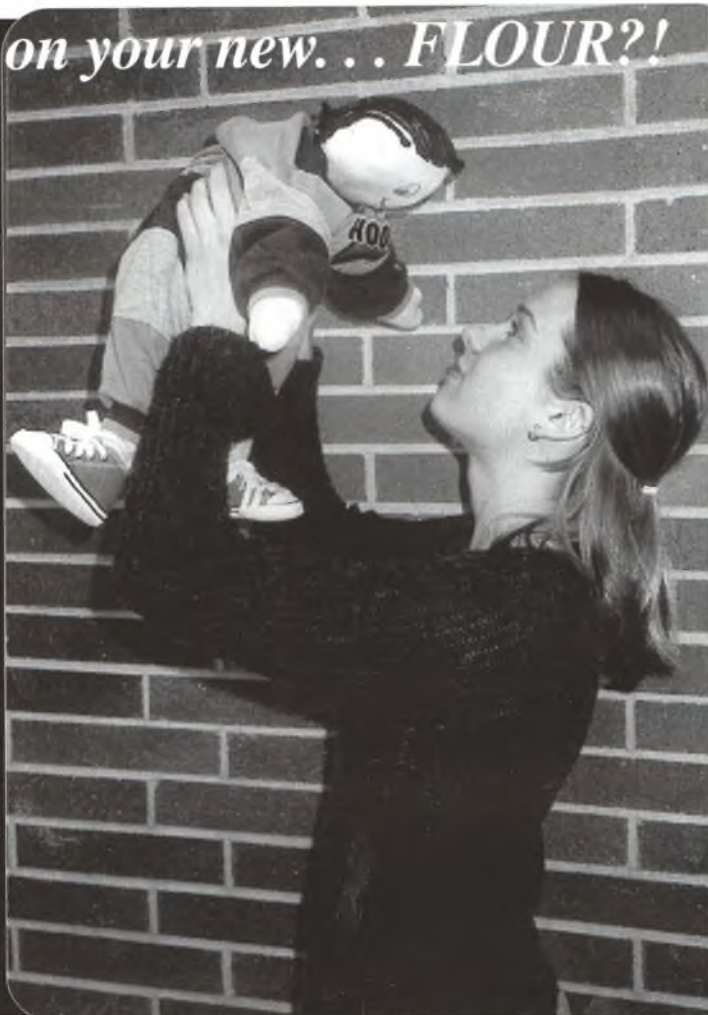
That is what many juniors and seniors had to do for family living when they made flour babies. Students created their babies from a five pound bag of flour. They constructed cloth arms, legs and a head which they sewed themselves. The body parts were attached to the bag of flour with duct tape.

Students were allowed to dress and decorate their babies however they wanted

"I went to Wal-Mart and picked out the cutest outfit I could find for my baby," said senior **Lyndi Van Vark**.

Some students choose to have twins, and even triplets for extra credit.

"I think carrying the flour babies was a good experience. It helps prepare you for having children in the future," said senior **Derrica Boot**. "Having twins is worth extra credit because it is twice as much work."



Family Focus

"My sister is Miss Iowa USA 2001. What is it like to be the brother of Miss Iowa? Sometimes it isn't too bad. For instance, attending the Miss USA Pageant in Gary, Indiana was fun. I had the opportunity to meet nearly all of the 51 delegates and take their pictures. My favorite part of the pageant was the after pageant ball where I met many of the celebrities. The one thing that I wish about the pageant is that it had been held in a warmer climate so that I could have golfed in my spare time. Gary, Indiana is cold in February.

I'm proud of my sister for making it to the Miss USA pageant. She worked very hard and was physically fit, poised and knowledgeable. I think that she definitely deserved to win. Iowa hasn't won for many years. However, I'm just glad that she had fun."

-**Nathan Kroese**

☛ Freshman Nathan Kroese poses with his sister, Clarissa, a 1997 graduate of Pella High. Clarissa was chosen to represent Iowa in the Miss USA pageant.

☛ Senior **Marcia Brown** plays with her flour baby, Jamal, for family living. "It wasn't as bad as everybody said, but I was sad when (senior) **Ashley VanSant** dropped our baby into dirty water," said **Brown**.



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Seniors **Marcia Brown** and **Beau Browne** took joint custody of their flour baby, Jamal.

Mama Mia! Jazz Combo plays at Pizza Ranch



The Jazz I Combo group played at Pizza Ranch in a free concert. Participants were seniors **Emily Lubberden** (flute and piano) and **Peter Cline** (alto sax) juniors **Eric Salter** (alto sax), **Jonathan Whalley** (soprano and tenor sax), **Carson Egglund** (trombone), **Ryan Redman** on the drums, sophomore **Chris Boeyink** (trombone), and **Director Dick Redman** (trumpet). This group improvises solos while playing.

✦ Play on! Junior **Jonathan Whalley** plays his saxophone during a solo at Pizza Ranch.

a.m., and Jazz II p.m. traveled to Hoover to take place in the annual Hoover Jazz Band Festival.

Freshman **Jasen Dahm** commented about being the only freshman in Jazz I.

"I think playing in Jazz I as a freshman has given me a chance to meet a lot of people, not just from our band, and has been a good experience."

Junior **Katie Ross** said, "We played the best that we could. We still have room for improvement."

Jazz I placed second in Class 3A, Jazz II a.m. placed fourth, and Jazz II p.m. placed fourth.

On March 3, Jazz I, Jazz II



✦ Keeping time for the Jazz I combo, junior **Ryan Redman** cuts a solo for the Jazzers at Pizza Ranch.

Empower chaperones dance

Where can a youngster go to win prizes while learning about abstinence? The Empower-chaperoned dance. High School volunteers worked to set up, take down, and help chaperone during the dance.

All students had equal chances to win prizes, talk, and have a good time.

It seemed as the night went on, the students had more and more fun with each other and the volunteers.

Sophomore **Adam**

Chenoweth said, "The kids were very excited. They had fun."

Regarding the dance sophomore **Heather Kraayanbrink** said, "The little kids were adorable, standing around, not really knowing how to dance. They seemed to enjoy the dance, and all loved the prizes they won."

Overall, the Empower students learned how to control young teenagers, the best ways to teach them, and how to let them enjoy themselves at the same time. They succeeded in doing all three.



✦ At the prize table, sophomore **Lindsay Korver** issues prizes to the students who could trade in the tickets they won at the carnival. "The dance was a blast. It was so much fun to talk to the little kids and bargain with them for prizes. The only thing I didn't like was that the chaperones weren't allowed to dance in the gym," said **Korver**.

✦ Sometimes, everything needs to be cleaned up: a good motto for sophomore **Adam Chenoweth** because he was in charge of cleaning for the dance at the middle school. All of the Empower volunteers had jobs to do throughout the evening. "It was fun. I enjoyed my time, and the kids were very excited throughout the evening," said **Chenoweth**.



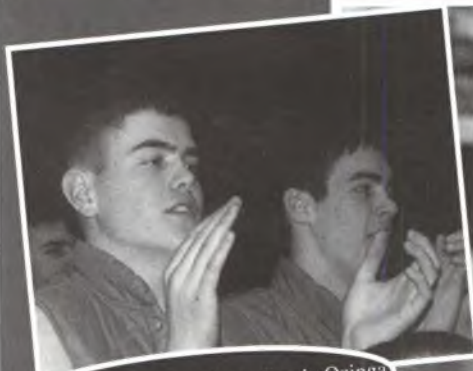
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Orchestra director **Charlee Eekhoff** was directing orchestra in the auditorium, took a step back, and fell off the stairs.

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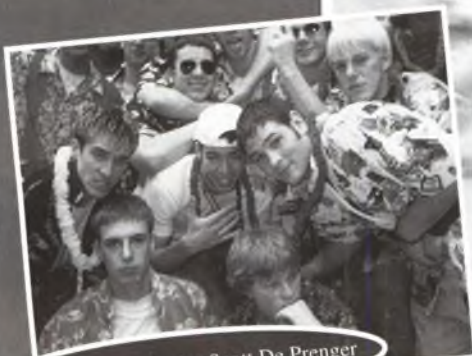
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Juniors Brandyn VanZante, Randy Ozinga



Seniors Molly Sprague, Casey Wineland



Senior guys, junior Scott De Prenger



Girls hoop it up at State

The girls' basketball team had a surprise year and dominated on the court as the team made its first state appearance since 1993. Junior **Julie Rietema** led the Lady Dutch with 17 points and senior **Holly Edwards** followed with seven hoops. They were defeated in their first round by Davenport-Assumption, 49-43, but that didn't dampen their spirits.

"This season was great! I felt like we all got along well and became lots better throughout the season. This season was very memorable. Going to state was an awesome experience. We

didn't end up where we wanted to, but at least we made it that far. I thought we played our hardest and gave it our best shot," said **Edwards**, above.

Lady Dutch Coach **Mike Vint** said, "It was a roller coaster game for us. We had a very good start, struggled for a quarter, and then we made a comeback. It was a two-point game with a minute to go, and the rest is history. We got beat by a good team. It was a game I felt that we should have won."

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Tara Sorensen



Kalen Eastwood, Lyndi VanVark



Elizabeth Summitt, Kenny DeVries



Matt Falcon



Jenni Norris



Randa Van Rheenen, Mark VanR.

Jumpin' for a good cause

Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart was held in the new gym Friday. Over 115 students jumped or shot hoops for three hours to raise \$4,319.88 for the American Heart Association. Sophomores **Brittany McCulla** and **Kara Elsloo** jump rope as part of the afternoon's activities.



Speech class got involved during senior **Bobbi Spencer's** speech on cake decorating. "It looked really easy at first when **Bobbi** did it, but then I realized there was a lot more to decorating a cake," said senior **Cecilia Nuñez**, below.



Students help in Knoxville tobacco sting

Senior **Jennie Bandstra** hands over the evidence bag containing the last of the illegally sold tobacco and alcohol from the police sting on Friday. For quarter projects, seniors **Jennie Bandstra**, **Ruth Esveld**, **Lyndi Van Vark**, and **Mandy Vink** participated in the operation in Knoxville.

The businesses were given fair warning. Not only was it announced on the radio and in the newspaper, but Knoxville Police Chief **Harv Sprafka** also visited each business individually to warn that compliance checks would be happening in the near future. Ironically, 5 of the 15 stores visited sold to the minors.

"It was interesting to see how many little details were involved in the whole process. I felt kind of bad because I caused a young girl to lose her job. I found it amusing that even though on my I.D. it said that I was underage, the workers couldn't grasp the concept that they shouldn't sell me tobacco," said **Bandstra**.



Megan DeWild



Annette Beaver



Adam VanWyk



Elizabeth Summitt, Kristin Wares



Jawnika Vaverka, Peter Cline



Ashley Bogaards

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Students take time to save lives

*On March 15 the Blood Center of Central Iowa led at the high school a blood drive.

*A total of 66 students registered the day of the drive; 48 students were medically eligible to donate. There were 44 first-time donors.

*Senior Nick Fischer flashes a smile and rubs his belly as a nurse takes his blood. "Giving blood was fun because I like needles. I feel proud that I can save a life," said Fischer.



The results are in: *Students excel at state speech*



"At first I didn't even want to do speech. The other members of my group just told me I'd have to say one line and behind a rock. They failed to mention that I had a solo in it. It turned out to be a lot of fun. Even though I knocked down our props during our final performance, we still ended up getting an "I" rating," said sophomore Kyle Simpson, left.

All-Staters for Individual Speech

Senior Rachel Madden

Storytelling: "I" rating

Acting: "I" rating

Junior Bethany Elliott

Acting: "I" rating

Senior Joe Cerwinske

Radio News: "I" rating

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Junior Katie Roorda leaned over a table in study hall to pick up something on the floor and got her hair caught in the chair in front of her.

PELLA DUTCH

ROCKIN' THE BARN!

2001 Iowa State Basketball Tournament

The Little Dutch started state tournament week off with a bang. In the first round, they took on Centerville and won big, 88-53.

"It was a rush to play at Vets and to play and score with my boys," said senior **Colin Vaits**.

The team's three-point shooting was on, and a slam dunk by senior **Matt Spreacker** allied the team to a victory. The victory was short-lived as the next opponent - Sioux City Heelen - proved to be a tougher team.

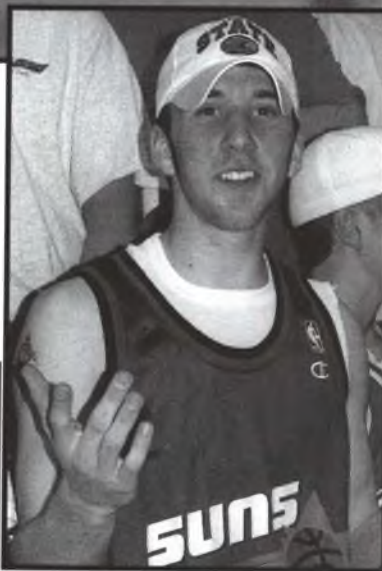
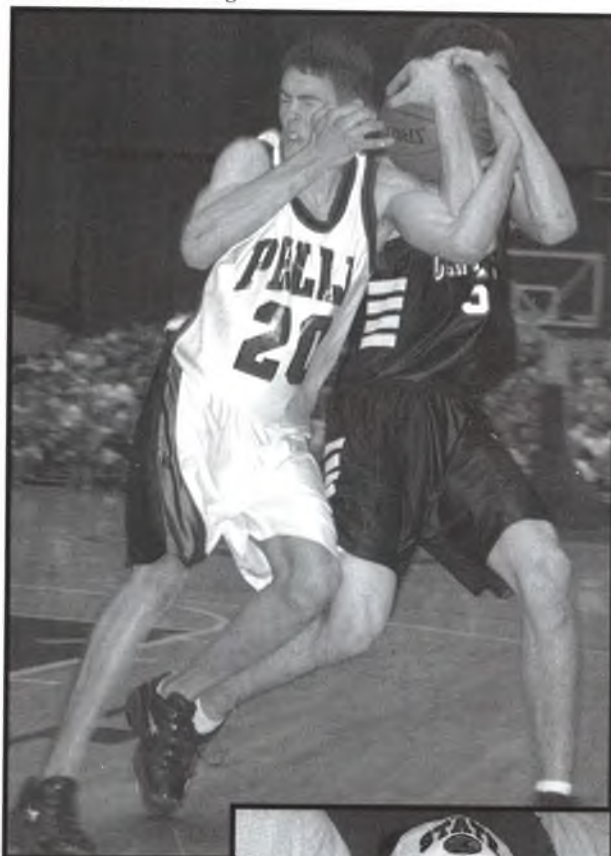
In an intense game, the Little Dutch lost in the semi-finals to Heelen. The defeat placed the team in the consolation game against Harlan. Even though they weren't state champions, they still ended with a winning season by defeating Harlan, 60-65.

"I thought that our final game was a very positive way to end my high school career, even though it was only third place. The way I see it, there are only two 3A teams in the entire state of Iowa that finished their season with a win, and we were one of them," said senior **Beau Browne**.

Seniors **Chris Egwood** and **Beau Browne** won the third place trophy as juniors. **Lance Oord** and **sophomores** **ance** **churing** **d Pierce** **ibma** **lp out**.



*Junior **Randy Ozinga** fights for the ball in the first round game against Centerville. "I thought it was an awesome experience; the atmosphere was ecstatic," said **Ozinga**.



*Senior **Brad Chamra** cheers at a boys' state game in his Phoenix Suns jersey. The senior guys wore the jerseys as a last minute 'thing' to one of the regular season games. Since Pella won that game, they thought that it was the jerseys and continued to wear them as the team continued to win. "I had a blast at Vets; it was awesome going one last time. Even though we didn't win the sportsmanship trophy, we were still the best crowd there," said **Chamra**.

In Your Own Words
Do you feel school should have been cancelled for the boys' state basketball game considering not all students attended the game?



"Yes I think trying to fit a day of school in would be too hard and cause problems with people. The best way out was to just cancel school for the day."

Freshman **Josh Smith**



"No, school shouldn't have been cancelled. A lot of people didn't go to the game, and it was a summer day that was wasted for most of us."

Freshman **Loni May**



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In Wade Van Vark's math class

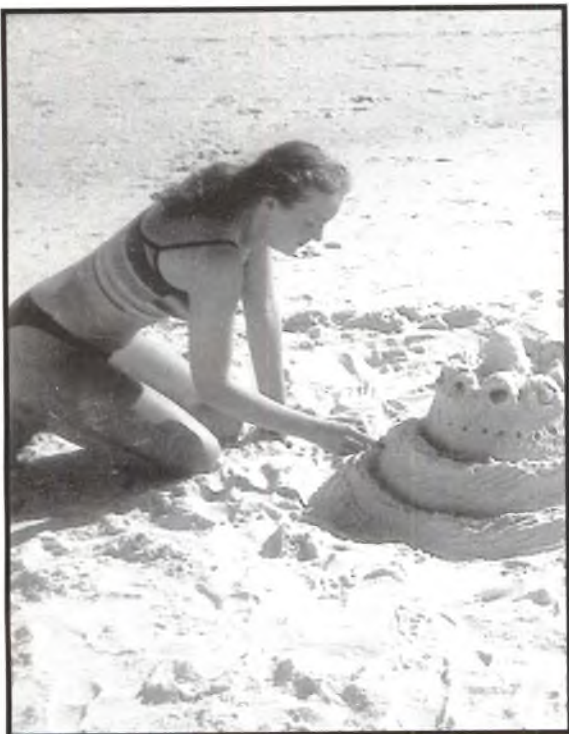
*junior **Dan Goodyk** did 50 push-ups for \$7.25 and a piece of gum.*

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****Basking on the beach while building a sand castle is senior Shannon Steenhoek. Steenhoek was on the youth group trip to Gulf Shores, Ala. "After what seemed like days of endless cold and rain, the sun decided to pop out. So we took advantage of it, and we decided to build this wonderful piece of art," said Steenhoek.**



****Senior Kim Henle eats noodles as she cooks them on the Alabama youth group trip. Henle said she enjoyed the trip, but classmate Ben Van Vark disagreed. "We went go-carting. The weather could have been better. Basically, it was like a prison when we were down there because we couldn't really do anything," said Van Vark.**



Sun to Snow ... where did you go?



"I had a great time waking up early to get ready for the *Today Show*. It was really cold waiting for it to start. It rained a lot in New York, but I still had a great time with (junior) Hilary (Pearson)," said junior Katie Ross.



"(Senior) Megan (De Wild) and I just stayed around here basically. It actually rocked because we got to do everything on our time, so we did what we wanted, when we wanted. We stayed out late, ate a lot, and got most of our break off of work. It was awesome!" said senior Marcia Brown.



"I took (sophomore) Ashley Heisdorffer with me to Cancun and we had a blast! We went swimming in this aquarium and the fish were awesome. We then met up with the Bloodsworths and had so much fun with them, too! The sun felt great, but then coming back to this was bad. I had a great time!" said sophomore Katie Kniff.



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Lucas Waits,
Ryan Kiburz, Colin Waits



Randa Van Rheenen, Jordan Kologe



Chris Shrout, Zach Van Horn



Kalen Eastwood



Randy Ozinga, Alicia Broach



Megan DeWild

Hot ... to Cold

Students experience spring break adventures

****Junior Deke Naaktgeboren** skis down a scenic slope on a youth group trip to Colorado. **Naaktgeboren** said, "This ski trip was awesome! I led the boys down the steep stuff, and we all earned the marks to prove it. It was a great time."

Whether they were basking down south in the sun or hitting the slopes on the mountains, students found many ways to enjoy spring break.

This break churches from the area offered trips to Colorado and Alabama. In Colorado, students skied, shopped, and hung out.

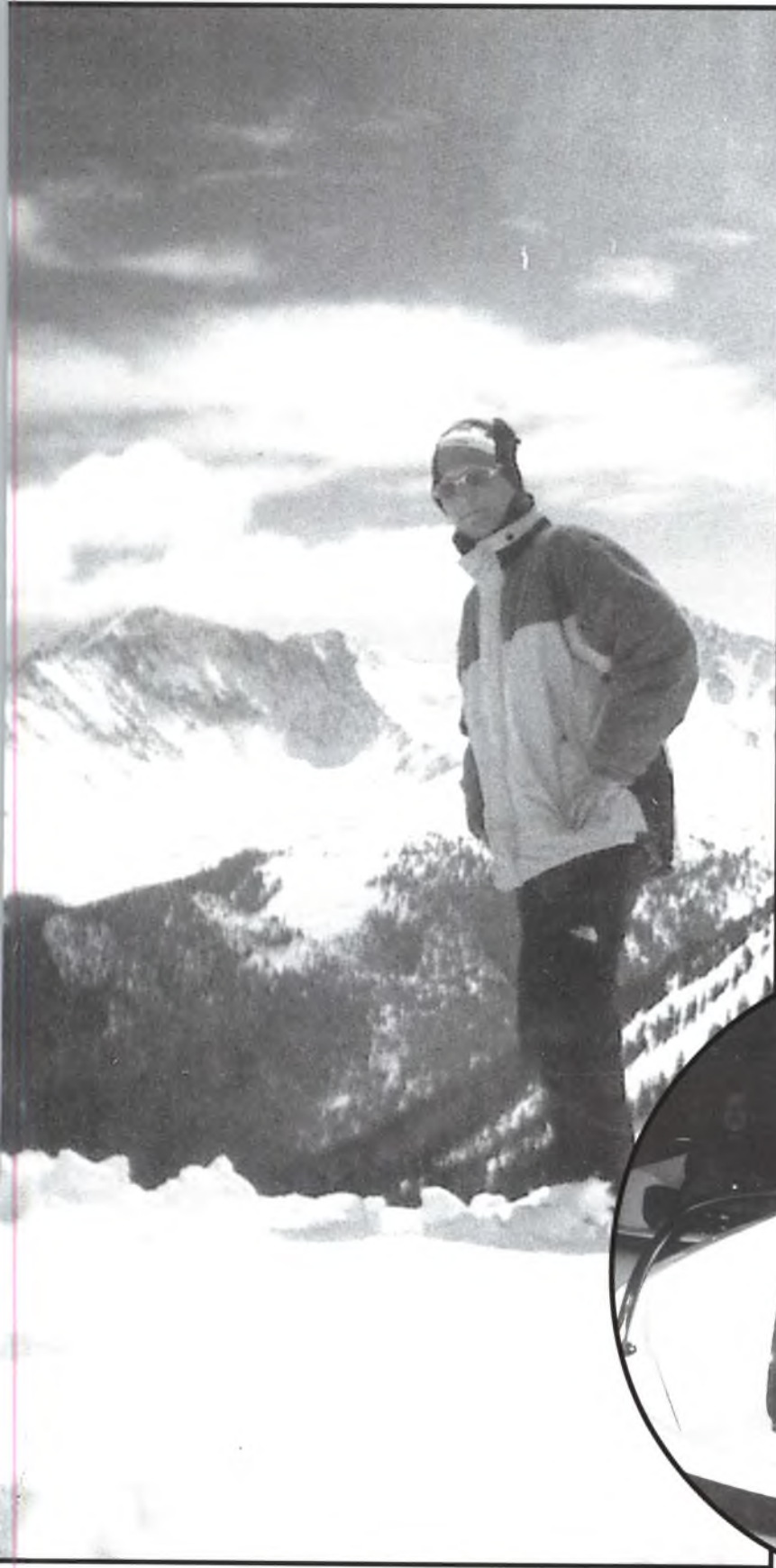
Those who went to Alabama went go-carting, shopping, and to the beach.

"Only having one day of sunshine made the whole trip worth it because we could relax after a long week of cold weather and just lay on the beach and soak up the sun," said junior **Dan Goodyk**.

Many others vacationed with friends and family.

Vacation sites ranged from New York to California, Canada to Cancun. Others stayed in Pella, finding ways to amuse themselves and just enjoying the time off from school.

****Freshman Amanda Van Sant** drives a bumper boat on the youth group trip to Gulf Shores, Ala. **Van Sant** was one of over 100 students who went on the trip.



Tyler Beerends



Brandyn Van Zante



Brandon Kane



Kristin Sytsma



Matt Terlouw



Jeremy Olson, Dan Goodyk

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Cheerleaders named for 2001-2002 squads

Smile! Shout! These were two words running through the minds of the candidates for next year's cheerleader squads. At Friday's tryouts, the girls had to demonstrate their cheer technique and form and their abilities in dance and jumps.

Sophomore **Nicole Beyer** said, "At first, I was skeptical about the whole thing, but **Kristin Sytsma** (sophomore) and I told each other that we wouldn't back out, so we tried out. It was harder than I thought it would be, and I give past cheerleaders a lot of respect now."

Sytsma said two of the girls employed an unusual technique to help their tryouts.

"We (Léa McIntosh and I) put Vaseline on our teeth so we wouldn't quit smiling ... even though our smiles might have looked kind of fake," said **Sytsma**.

The dance was written by Assistant Coach Rebecca Cully, taught by current cheerleaders, seniors **Ashley Westman** and **Bailey Klyn**.

Sophomore **Kate Sloan** said that the dance

We (Léa McIntosh and I) put Vaseline on our teeth so we wouldn't quit smiling ... even though our smiles might have looked kind of fake.

Sophomore
Kristin Sytsma

I'm glad that I tried out again. The games are exciting, and the friends I've made are great," said **Sloan**.

2001-2001 Cheerleaders

Football

Léa McIntosh, Kristin Sytsma, Kate Sloan, Gaoder Vue, April Rus, Megan McCombs, Kelly Eysink, Sophie Linn, Danielle Jacobson (alternate)

Basketball

Nicole Beyer, McIntosh, Sytsma, Sloan, McCombs, Eysink, Linn (alternate)

Wrestling

Laura Sopher, Jocelyn Davis, April Rus, Victoria Cervellera, Jacobson, Vue

A BREAK FROM THE BOOKS

Students enjoy time away from school, over spring break

School's out!! Not really. It was just Spring Break: seven full days to enjoy the beginning of spring and get away from the homework and long pages of notes. Some say it went too fast, and they needed more time off while others were actually anxious to get back to school.

"Over spring break, I went to Colorado to visit my family. I spent a lot of money and probably gained like 15 pounds, but it was still really fun," said sophomore **Lauren Anderson**.

The weather cooperated - unlike other years - giving students the chance to get out and enjoy the break while they could.

"**Jaimie Fuller** (sophomore) and I hung out like every day! We spent most of our time in Osky or at our friend senior **Steve Lynas**'s house talking to friends. It was fun! I can't wait until next spring break," said junior **Steph Carr**.

While some students stayed in town, others went on church trips and family vacations.

Students came back with dark tans, braided hair, and great memories of sunny, warm vacation spots.

"Being in the South Caribbean on a cruise was the best vacation I have ever had. I loved being in a different climate where the water was this amazing color of blue and the fish were so uniquely put together. The experience of the cultural atmospheres and extreme ways of life was really exciting! I would definitely go again!" said sophomore **Lindsay McFarland**.

Spring break offered many ways to relax at home by sleeping in, talking to friends, and watching TV. This year was unique because students got a day longer break than planned. The Friday before vacation, school was cancelled due to an unexpected snowstorm. The excitement of having school cancelled wasn't as great, however, because the school year was extended to June 8.



*Sophomore **Lindsay McFarland** poses with the dinner waiters on her cruise in the South Caribbean. "One of my favorite parts on the cruise was eating dinner in a fancy dining room because I rarely get a chance to try such elaborate food," said **McFarland**.

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Sophomores **Thomas De Koning** and **Chris Boeyink** made straw swords at work (Pella Cinema) and attempted to bother customers.

Featuring a wide variety of dances ...

Forté entertains with final show

Forté hosted their grand finale for the 2000-2001 school year on Sat., March 31. After months of hard work and discipline, the team was able to show the community the accomplishments they had made this year.

As the crowd started to file into the gym, the hearts of the girls began to pick up speed. Some were nervous; others were excited.

"Drill Team Night can be a very stressful experience, but at the same time, it is very fulfilling. Once the night was over, I realized how much everything actually paid off," said sophomore **Emily Filer**.

The night consisted of many kinds of dance, from a line dance with dads to a hip-hop routine performed with PHS boys.

Sophomore **Ashley Braun** said, "This year was the best because I felt completely confident about all the routines. I also loved dancing with my dad, who was great, and the moms were AWESOME, too! I also enjoyed the hip-hop Aaron Carter routine."

"I thought Drill Team Night went very well, even though there were a few interesting mishaps. It was fun, and I'm sorry to see a great year come to an end," said sophomore **Jessica Dingeman**.

★Junior **Ashley Sponsler** performs in the father-daughter dance with dad, Lee. "It was a lot of fun this year. One of the fun dances was with my dad. He wore a cowboy hat and a bandana to spice up the dance. I won't forget that dance," said **Sponsler**.

★The drill team performs a coed dance. Each drill team girl chose one male of her choice to teach the dance to and dance with that night. "I finally got to show off my skills in front of a large audience!" said junior **Bryan George**. **George's** partner was senior

Shannon Steenhoek.

★The prop routine is always a favorite of the crowd and the performers. "Drill Team Night went great! I was so glad to see all the people that came to support us," said senior **Casey Wineland**, front.

★Junior **Megan Laughlin**, right, performs an individual routine.

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"I definitely didn't want to come back. It was hard to get back in the roll of things. I was so tired, I wish I would have had another week."

Freshman **Savannah Veenstra**



"I felt extreme joy because I had absolutely nothing to occupy myself with over this humble occasion."

Sophomore **Adam Whitehead**



"I didn't like getting up early or being told what to do all day. I realize how old school is becoming."

Junior **Megan Laughlin**



"Since the year is almost over, after spring break, none of us seniors want to be here."

Senior **Brandon Kane**



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomores **Sonya Ravenstein** and **Jaci Van Ee** were out driving around after school. While **Ravenstein** was distracting **Van Ee**, she almost hit a little old lady.

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Just Face It!

You tell us about
your favorite
April Fool's joke.



"I took black tape and taped down the handle on the sprayer of the sink then sat and waited until my mom turned on the water, and it sprayed her."

Sophomore D.J. Henle



"I awoke my kids and told them the bus was coming in five minutes. It was really half an hour away. They didn't think it was funny, but I did."

Study Hall Associate

Shelly Sample



"I put a rubberband across the faucet so when someone turned on the water, it sprayed all over them."

Senior Laura Reicks



"My brother was late and needed to leave, but I switched my car keys with his. He freaked out. He asked for his spare keys, so I gave him my spares, too."

Junior Allison Emerick

Three perform at All-State speech

To be selected as an All-Stater is an honor in any area; it's an accomplishment that three students earned for their individual speech talents.

Senior **Rachel Madden** performed in both acting and storytelling while senior **Joe Cerwinski** was chosen for radio news. Junior **Bethany Elliott** performed in acting.

Eleven students supported the three in their accomplishments. The day started at 6 a.m. with the two-hour trip to the University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls. Each performer sat in selected centers while others performed.

"All-State was a lot of fun, and I enjoyed the opportunity to participate," said **Elliott**.

Making All-State was an honor for **Cerwinski**.



Senior **Rachel Madden** performs her acting piece, *The Search for Intelligent Life in the Universe*. During the same session as **Madden**, another girl had the same piece. **Madden** also performed in storytelling at the all-state festival.

"I worked really hard to get there, and it was nice to get recognized for my work. Radio was a pretty tough category, but I

just tried to do my best, and I guess that was good enough to get to All State. It was just a great experience especially since this was my first and last year in speech," **Cerwinski** said.

Madden, a double nominee, said, "I was honored to be recognized by my judges in two categories, and I had a great time at All-State. It was a major goal of mine to go to All-State, and I was so excited to be appreciated."

Speech Coach **Steven Woolery** was proud of his students' effort.

Woolery said, "The students who performed were exceptional and their performances easily justified their nominations. The selected challenging material went beyond just speaking and reading."

Weather Awareness Week prompts tornado drill

With the weather patterns of the Midwest, students and staff need to be prepared for anything. Because of this, National Weather Awareness Week was April 1-7. To help prepare, a tornado drill was conducted at school on Wednesday.

Assistant Principal **Eric Nelson** said, "If there is a true tornado, our goal is to get students and staff to a safe shelter as soon as possible. That is our job as a school."

Sophomore **Amy Cline** said, "I think tornado drills are stupid; they take away from valuable class time. We should have a class all day, just one day, to tell us what to do, and then we'd be done with it."

For some students the drill was an excuse to get away from class for a couple of minutes. For others

they were a way to know what to do if tragedy did strike.

Nelson said, "We have to, by law, perform four tornado and fire drills a year. You can't be prepared without drills. It is our job to be prepared for the unexpected."



During the tornado drill, senior **Amy Riherd**, freshman **Darvin Gramh**, and junior **Erica Knoll** spent their time talking. Students said they enjoyed the few minutes out of class.



Storm pic by Jim Emme

"Twice, I thought my car was going to be blown off the road because I was too close to the tornado. These two times, it was at night. The only vision that you have is ... lightning strikes. I hate that with a passion because you can't see what's going on."

Art Teacher/Storm Spotters

Jim Emme

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Katie Ross



Anna Whatling, Sherri Laughlin



James Montgomery



Tiffany Pol, Kate Sloan



Billy Van Weelden



Mirinda LoThi

7. Decorate



On Wednesday and Thursday nights, and Friday morning, juniors worked hard to put Prom 2001 - "In Search of Paradise" - together. Junior **Matt Melhus** takes a hammer and nail to finish the decorations.

Countdown to Prom

1. Eat



Chow down! Junior **Kevin Ulmer** stuffs his face eating before prom at Mondo's in Des Moines.

2. Take Pictures



"It was nice to take the day off of school. We washed cars and did other miscellaneous chores. Then we picked up our tuxes. After everybody was dressed and ready, we took what seemed like a million pictures, including our famous "32 belly option on 2" pose. It was very stressful to make everything perfect, but looking back, it was well worth it," said junior **Matt Santiago**.

6. Hair

It's all about looking good. Senior **Kara Ruthven** gets her hair done at Coming Attractions Friday afternoon.



5. Nails



There's no better way to get ready for prom than doing it with your friends. Seniors **Bailey Klyn**, **Derrica Boot**, and **Michelle Van Wyk** pick out that perfect nail color to match their dresses.

4. Waste Time

After getting ready for the big event, senior **Bailey Klyn** passes the time by playing pool.



3. Final Touches



Putting on the finishing touches, seniors **Bobbi Spencer** and **Maria Vos** were one step closer to going.



Kalya Kafka



Suzanne Corum



Annie Carlson



Becky DeKoning



Lauretta Mac Cready



Katie Van Dusseldorp

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Flaunting their stuff are seniors **Ruth Esveld, Randa Van Rheenen, Gretchen King, and Michelle Van Vark.**

"I had a great time at prom. Everyone looked so pretty. I love getting all dressed up,

however, taking all the pictures got a little old," said **VanVark.** The foursome and their dates had their pictures taken before leaving town to dine in Des Moines.

Posin'



"Prom was a lot of fun. It gave everyone the chance to see me look like a girl for once. The dress and make-up about killed me, but I'm glad I went all out for it. Just don't count on it happening again until next year's prom," said junior **Jennifer Floden.**



Get your groove on! Junior **Ryan Redman** entertains the crowd as he does his own dance. Seniors and juniors tore up the dance floor to the music

provided by **Mike Modlin.** Modlin also provided the music for last year's prom.

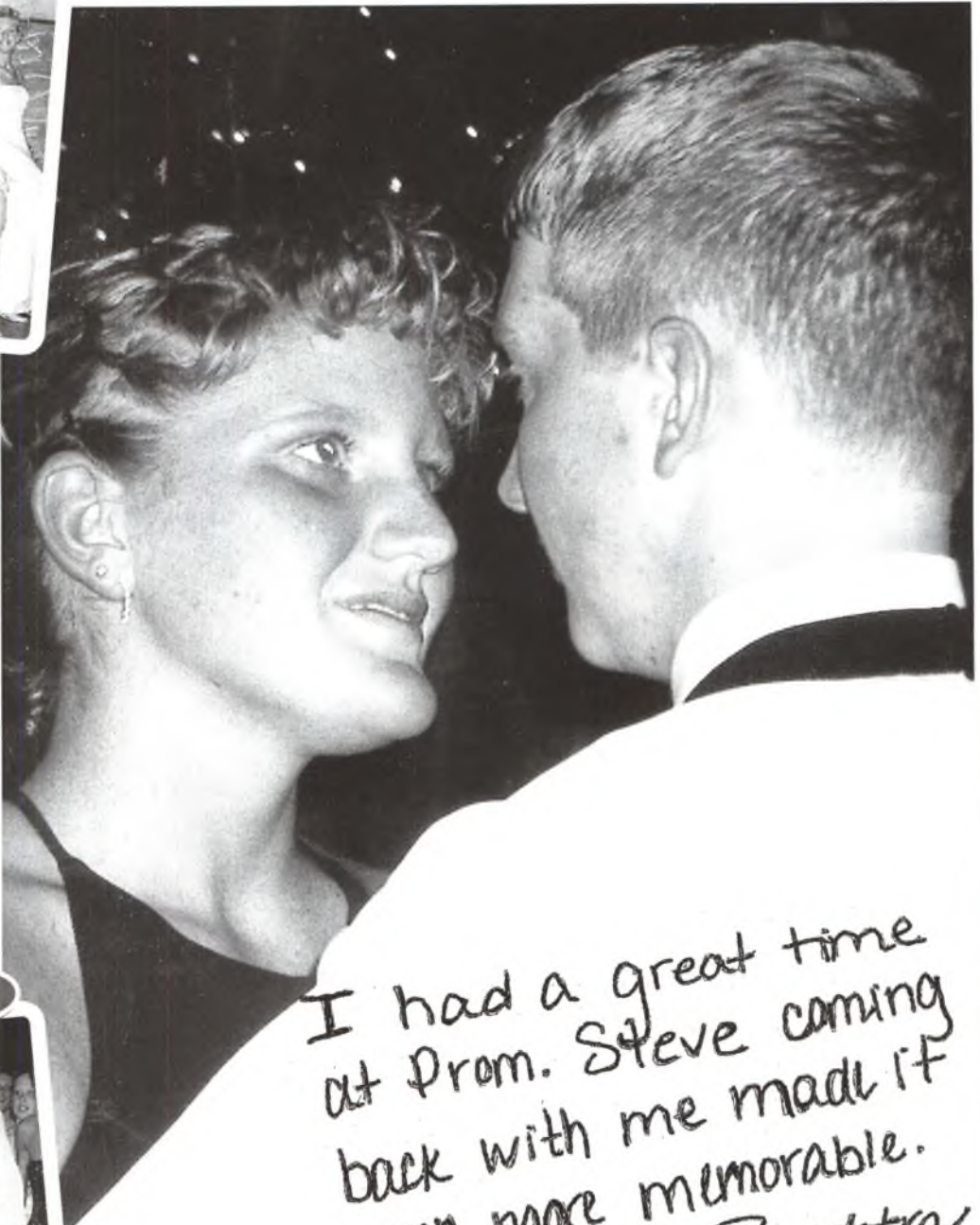
Dancin'



In Search



of Paradise...



I had a great time at Prom. Steve coming back with me made it even more memorable.
-Jennie Bandstra

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Anne Jacobson



Andrew, Adam Van Wyk



Sarah Vandevoort, Renee Vos



Lindsey Kiefaber



Kirra VanSoelen, Katie Hoksbergen



Bobbi Spencer, Maria Vos, Kara Ruth



Decorating

Juniors spent several months planning prom. On Thursday night, juniors **David Van Wyk** and **Julie Rietema** work on building a waterfall for the picture area.

"Decorating for prom was very fun, yet challenging. The group that made the photo area was very organized and fun. We worked together as a team. As a result, it all turned out very well," said **VanWyk**.

Seniors **Tara Nelson** and **Tracy Rhoads** show down at Buca di Beppo's before their night of dancing began.



Fun Times

Cowabunga dude! A group of juniors pose in front of the Anderson Erickson cows in Des Moines on their way to prom. "We began to dodge cars crossing the street. **Matt Santiago** (junior) was hobbling behind us with his cane. It was so funny. It was kind of scary with all of the weird people honking and yelling at us," said junior **Melissa Pierson**.



Good Food

Backstage Pass

Prom Scrapbook

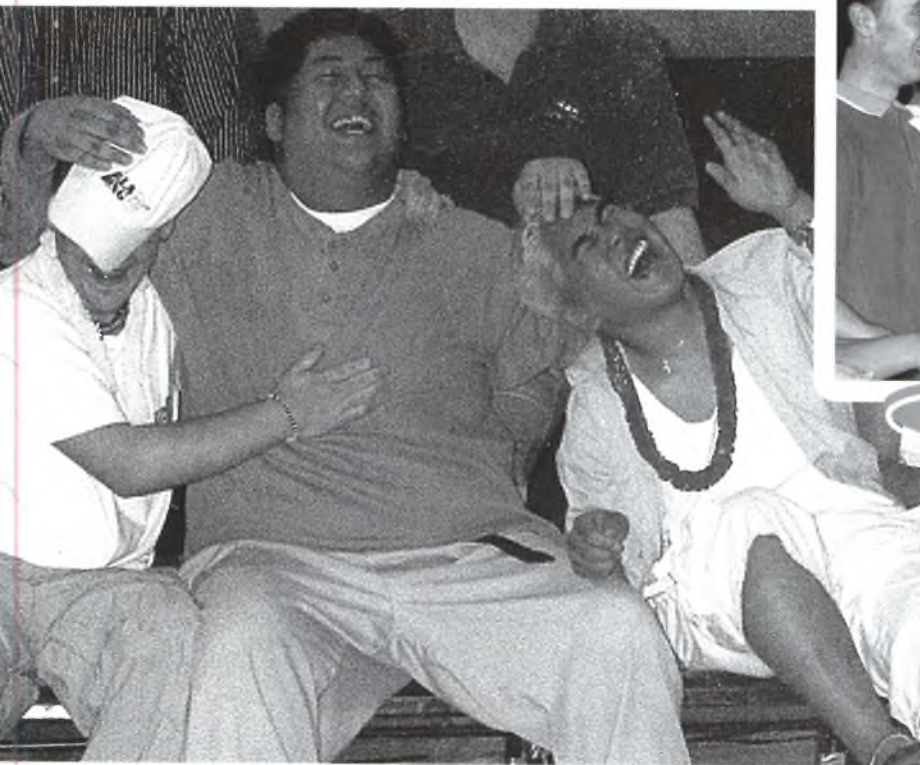
Palm trees and sand helped complete this year's theme 'In Search of Paradise.' Promgoers were greeted by a ramp leading to the entrance of a cruise ship. Refreshments were served in a tiki hut, and a waterfall added to the scenery. The deck of the ship in the upper lobby utilized chairs and tables for socializing for those who were tired after a long night of dancing.

"By the time prom came, I was ready for it to be over. I had worked all week long on decorations and had spent months planning everything out. It was all very frustrating. I did, however, like after-prom a lot," said junior **Megan McConville**.



After Prom

After Prom, once again, was a success, providing a positive alternative for prom-going teens. The grand finale consisted of a hypnotist where juniors **Kenny DeVries** and **Jaysen Lopez** hold on tight to senior **Adam Yang**. Junior **Matt Melhus** shows what he thinks of the cops while being hypnotized.



Staci Kruseman



Léa McIntosh, Chris Lopez



Ashley Westman, Lyndsi Dunkin



Jackie Van Zante, April Ozinga, Julia Wilson



Lyndi VanVark



Jordan Kollege, Mark VerMeer

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Spring sports swing into full force

*Boys' soccer scored a shut-out as they prevailed over Dallas Center-Grimes, 2-0, on April 12. "It was a huge win for us. They were ranked pretty high, so it an awesome feeling," said senior **Adam Van Wyk**, right, as he beats a defender down the field.



*Junior **Brian Steenhoek** smashes the ball at his opponent Sat., April 14 at the Knoxville Invitational. "Mark (Braun) and I played well to get to the finals, but we lost to Saydel. Overall, it was a good day, and we are hoping to do the same come districts," said **Steenhoek**. The team finished third.

*Town rivalries Pella and Pella Christian went head-to-head in girls' tennis on April 12. "It was a lot of fun but a big challenge because PC is rebuilding their team like we are this year," said sophomore **Catie Beck**, right.



*Senior **Laura Reicks** takes a giant swing toward Hole 3 during the meet against Albion. "Golf has been a lot of fun this year because our team is really tight, and we have set goals that we're close to meeting," said **Reicks**.



*"The track season started off slow, but as we got into it we started to improve. This year's hurdling has been a lot of fun; we get better every day," said sophomore **Katie Kniff**, right, after the Pella Invitational April 12.



*Senior **Brad Roose** eyes his next shot while practicing at Bos Landers. Their meet against Pella Christian on Tues., April 10, was cancelled due to the rain. "Golf so far this year has been very fun. We've been having a good time winning most of our meets. Some meets could have had a better outcome. Overall, I'm very pleased with this year," said **Roose**.



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Zach Brummel



Suzanne Corum



Randy Ozinga



Ashley Braun



Todd Dickinson



Ben Bollard

Chattin' 'til dawn: MSN offers connection

Things are changing in the world everyday. New technology created and high-tech equipment is now at everyone's fingertips. Chatting with friends late to the night has become a regular occurrence for many students. Microsoft Network Messenger service, or MSN, has become a favorite pastime for many students logged on to the internet. Even though there are many different messenger services, MSN seems to be the most popular.

Students seem to have most of their time for chatting at night. "I usually talk at nine o'clock on the weekdays and weekends whenever. It's a good way to talk to people that you usually don't see," said sophomore **Katelyn Penning**.

"It's kind of pathetic that people spend their time talking to people that they either will never see or see all the time every night," said senior **Barry Erkenbrack**. On the other hand many stu-

dents see the positive side of talking with friends on the internet. It's cheap.



*Junior **Jennifer Spoelstra** talks online with friends. "I am addicted to MSN because I talk to people from out of town that I met at TEC and also to people that I don't see during the day at school. Whenever I am home I'm usually online because I usually get help with homework also," said **Spoelstra**.

"Seeing that most people have already paid for their internet access everything you do in there is free. Talking on the phone usually costs money, especially if you're calling long distance," said sophomore **Chad deVries**.

"It's an easy way to get a hold of your friends without having to be on the phone," said senior **Keith Jones**.

Once a person is on MSN, what do they do? Making up assumed names is just one of the entertaining things about MSN.

"I usually use a line out of a song's like from Shaggy's *Angel*. 'Girl, you're my angel,'" said sophomore **Thom Van Weelden**.

Some students chose plain, simple names that reflected who they are.

"Most of the time it's just my name with some kind of face. Other times it reflects how I feel about something," said junior **Jennifer Spoelstra**.

In Your Own Words
What job would you never want to have?



"I would never work at fast food restaurants because I just wouldn't enjoy myself."

Junior
Jacinda Bouwers



"I would never want to be a port-a-potty cleaner because I would never want to touch other people's pooh."

Sophomore
Billy Fox



"I think it would be gross to be a garbage collector because of the smell and handling other people's wastes."

Freshman
Rebecca Elliott

EGGS, RABBITS, AND FUN

"For Easter I went to church and then to my grandma's house for a yummy dinner." - Junior **Scott De Prenger**

"I went to my aunt's house and ate dinner. Then we had an Easter egg hunt." Senior **Molly Sprague**

"I went to pick up my grandparents from the airport whom I haven't seen for four years. Then I rushed to K-Mart to buy Easter buckets because I forgot it was Easter." Sophomore **Alex Ung**

"I went to church, then I had a big Easter dinner with my family." Junior **Staci Kruseman**

"I went to Waterloo. We celebrated a couple birthdays, hunted for eggs, and went to church on Easter morning." Sophomore **Andrew Reeder**



Karrie Peterson,
Randa Van Rhee



Vance Schuring



Jordan Kologe, Robbi Hill



Matt Melhus



David Trotter



Adam Chenoweth

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****Junior Jacinda Bouwers** practices her moves during a weeknight practice. **Bouwers** was offered a position on the JV squad.

making the cut

Forté hopefuls train all week to try out for the squad



****Stretching out before tryouts** are sophomores **Annie Carlson** and **Samantha McCurry**. Both made the team; it will be **Carlson's** second year on the team, **McCurry's** first.



****Getting into the routine** during tryouts is junior **Megan Laughlin**. **Laughlin** was one of eight juniors to make the team.

Over 50 girls memorized steps, practiced routines, and perfected their dancing skills all week to have the chance to become members of the 2001-2002 Forté squad. Practices were held from 6:30-8:30 every night from April 16-20.

Tryouts were held April 21. They started at 1 p.m. and were held in the high school gym.

The judges chose 24 girls for the squad. Half of the girls are new; half are returning members.

"Tryouts were very tough; all the girls were good. The best were chosen, so we should have a strong competitive team next year," said sophomore **Ashley Braun**.

"I thought all the girls that tried out worked really hard. I think next year's team will be really great. I'm sad that my drill team experience is over; I've gotten so much from it. I know that for a team to grow, some people have to leave," said senior **Emily Lubberden**, who taught the routine to the girls at tryouts.

2001-2002 Forté squad

Incoming freshmen: **Kate Hamlin**, **Sara Steenhoek**, **Naina Barnett**, and **Laura Mitchel**

Freshmen: **Sophie Linn**, **Megan McCombs**, **Courtney Fleenor**, **Annie Terlouw***, and **Lindsey Graham***

Sophomores: **Ashley Braun***, **Emily Filer***, **Tiffany Pol***, **Jessica Dingeman***, **Annie Carlson***, **Samantha McCurry**, and **Kate Sloan**

Juniors: **Ashley Sponsler***, **Alicia Broach***, **Allison Emerick**, **Megan Laughlin***, **Melissa Pierson**, **Jessica Grier***, **Hilary Recker**, and **Stacey Hoopes***

* returning members

Springing into action



****Junior Josh Printz** throws the ball into play during the second quarter of the team's win over second-ranked Waukee.

Although the numbers weren't on the boys' soccer team's side going into the game facing second-ranked Waukee, the final score ended 2-1, Little Dutch.

Zac Van Wyk, junior, scored first goal and Waukee answered with their own goal.

Junior **Randy Ozinga** booted in a goal at the end of the second half. Waukee couldn't penetrate the Dutch defense, and the Dutch scored the win.

"The victory was really sweet; nobody expected us to win," said sophomore **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo**.

The girls' tennis team matched up against Oskaloosa April 20.

Although the overall varsity score was 9-2, Osky, Coach **Margene Van Horn** thought the team had some good matches.

"Our singles matches were close. **Katie Ross** (junior) played well," said **Van Horn**.

Freshman **Becky Steenhoek** and **Ross** were the only team members to pick up wins - **Ross** in number three singles and **Steenhoek** in number five.



**** Going for the ball in her singles match** against Osky is freshman **Becky Steenhoek**. **Steenhoek** won the match 6-4, 6-1.

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomore **Brandon Morgan** ripped classmate **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo's** shirt while playing whiffleball in P.E.



***Golfing at a driving range during TSA's trip to state is senior **Greg Laughlin**. Laughlin set up the chapter which placed third at state.

TSA goes to state

The excitement of state competition was in the air April 18-19 for TSA members. The competition took place at the Adventureland Inn, Altoona, which is where the club stayed during their trip. Group members participated in different activities, including attending two meetings and participating in several competitions.

On the first day of competition, the group first went to their rooms and got settled into the motel. Then all the TSA members of all the schools met together and the president, vice president, and secretary discussed the events that were to be held during the two-day competition.

The first competition for the Pella TSA group was the RC car racing. Afterwards they had free time. The second day the remaining competitions were held, and awards were given out.

The group placed third in outstanding chapter. Senior **Chad Beyer** placed first with his CO2 car. Also, seniors, **Greg Laughlin**, **Beyer**, and **Troy Seekamp** placed second with their RC car.

After all of the competitions were over, the TSA members went out to eat and went golfing at a nearby driving range.

Sophomore **James Montgomery** said, "Getting to go to the competitions (was the best part) because it was the first year I got to go. It was really interesting to meet new people and talk."

"We didn't get to the RC car racing on time so we missed our first race. I didn't have competition the rest of the first day, so I watched TV and relaxed. I think anyone who wants to join TSA should; it's a great experience, and you are able to meet a lot of cool people," said senior **Patty Bogaards**.

Candid Camera



*** TSA adviser **Mark Goodrich** and senior **Chad Beyer** distract senior **Greg Laughlin** while he concentrates on a putt during TSA's trip to state.



*** Two Mexican dancers perform for **Gretchen Klein's** and **Paloma Soria's** Spanish classes during eighth period in **Klein's** classroom.

Dancin'to the beat in the heat

Beating drums, pounding feet, and jingling beads were sounds that filled the halls when dancers from West Union High School performed Mexican dances on April 20.

The dancers performed at the Pella Opera House with other dancers performing dances from other cultures. They performed during seventh period in the auditorium for students who had a free period. They performed their dances first, and then they taught the dance to students.

"They were a talented group of people. I wish I could dance with such uniqueness and make it look as good as they did," said junior **Jenn Freeman**.

During eighth period, the dancers braved the humidity and danced in **Gretchen Klein's** Spanish room for **Klein's** and **Paloma Soria's** Spanish classes.

"It was a very good cultural experience for all who watched, and it looked like it was really difficult," said sophomore **Thomas DeKoning**.



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Senior **Nick Rempe's** car broke down in Des Moines, and he had to find a ride home.

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Little Facts



"I have a junk drawer that is full of anything you can think of, like Pogs from fourth grade to rocks from the Mediterranean Sea."

Freshman **Josh Jaarsma**



"I know a lot of unusual facts; like each time you shake your head, you're killing about 200 brain cells."

Sophomore **Leta Hanson**



"I still collect collectible Barbies!"

Junior **Léa McIntosh**



"I sometimes compose my own music and even write my own lyrics."

Senior **Jeremiah Jones**

Splish, Splash! *P.E. swimming begins for a month*

Swimming for P.E. wasn't the most popular choice for some students. Swimming began in early April and lasted four weeks.

"I think it's dumb because we don't stay in the water long enough to make it matter anyway," said freshman **Amber Breuklander**. By the time students made it to the pool and into the water, they had approximately 20 minutes of class time.

Students had to walk to the pool (unless it was bad weather), quickly dress, and get into the pool to start swimming laps. Activities this year included basketball, volleyball, water aerobics, and water safety.

Specialists from the Army Corps of Engineers came and



★Junior **Jackie Van Zante** gets in the water to be rescued by fellow classmates. "I liked swimming for P.E. it was something out of the ordinary, every day things we do in P.E. It was nice to have it eighth period so I didn't have to worry about getting all cleaned up except for when I had to go into work afterwards," said **Van Zante**.

taught the students how to stay safe when swimming, boating and skiing.

"My phys. ed. fun level before swimming was at a five, and because of swimming, it dropped to a one. But, it keeps the tradition of swimming while you're in school. You're not to have fun," said freshman **Brandon Boat**.

Those who participated in swimming as a sport find swimming for P.E. not a big deal.

"It's too easy. We don't do anything that's really hard that you would do in swimming as a sport. When we're supposed to swim laps, nobody would do them, but in the sport you have to work hard," said freshman **Cricket Vandenberg**.

Students D.A.R.E. to make a difference



Throughout the year, high school students took time to mentor middle school students about the effects of drugs and alcohol with D.A.R.E. (Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education). Students had the chance to ask questions of the high school students and they also chose the graduation essay.

"I had a lot of fun spending time with the kids in the D.A.R.E. program, especially when we got to eat pizza with them! I hope that I helped to make the right decisions for them and made an impact on them," said junior **Ashley Sponsler**, left.

"It was fun to work with the little kids and getting out of school was a plus," said junior **Chris Westra**, right.



Going to the slammer

Sociology students visit with Riverview inmates

Learning about the justice system and how it works was the agenda for the sociology's visit to Riverview-Newton Correction Center on Thurs., April 26. They were led by instructor **Guy Reeves**.

Some said they felt uncomfortable in the atmosphere of the prisoners.

Senior **Maria Vos** said, "They

don't have it all that bad because they are allowed to have TV's, and radios. It made me feel a little uncomfortable because we got really strange looks from the people there."

Other students enjoyed the opportunity to meet people who have faced difficult situations during their lifetime. The class talked to three prisoners, one whose

name was Calvin.

Junior **Wade Lamb** said, "When you talk to them, they seem like the average person. They appear as if they shouldn't belong there because they were very nice and friendly. Then we remembered they were there for a reason."

The class has been taking the field trip to Newton for the past two years.

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Lyndsay Van Maaren



Jenny Veenstra



Tara Sorensen



Nick Rempe, Nicole Beyer



Jenny Meyers



Phillip Fitch

Lady Dutch tennis place third in Pella Invitational



"I played really well that whole day. We won some important matches, too. It was just a fun day overall," said senior Michelle Van Vark, left.

The Lady Dutch Invitational track meet was held on Saturday with Pella bringing in a first place finish with 98 points, coming in 18 points ahead of Oskaloosa.

"I really enjoyed running the shuttle hurdle because that's the only relay I ran. Also the girls I ran with are all great people and we had an excellent time competing together," said Junior Sarah Way (right). The shuttle hurdle came in with the best time for their race of the day.

"Our 4 x 200 team pulled together and we ran our best time so far this year. Our whole team did their best and it showed by getting first overall," said sophomore Jena Marlow.

"I really enjoyed being part of the 4 x 800 team. We, as a team, did a great job encouraging everyone throughout the entire meet," said sophomore Nicole Meyer.

"I really enjoyed running the shuttle hurdle because that's the only relay I ran. Also, the girls I run with are all great people, and we had an excellent time competing together," said junior Sarah Way, right.



"Norwalk beat us first round of the state tournament last year, so we really wanted to win. We knew it would be a good challenge. I think we outhustled them because we wanted it more," said senior Jordan Kologe, left.

The girls' tennis team placed third in the Pella Invitational. They were defeated by Oskyo and Indianola but scored higher than Pella Christian and Knoxville. Junior **Jessica Grier** and freshman **Becky Steenhoek**, with second place victories, both contributed to their team's total score of 179. Points were also won by the doubles teams.

"My partner **Catie Beck**, (sophomore) and I played really well. We almost pulled out the match against Oskyo, who ended up winning it, so it was a good experience," said sophomore **Ashley Braun**. Sophomore **Sarah Gilpin** and her partner, junior **Katie Ross**, had a tough match against Oskaloosa and finished third place.

"I thought we played pretty well. Indianola's doubles team was seventh in the state, so we didn't really expect to beat them, but we did beat Knoxville and Oskyo," said **Gilpin**.

"It was a good game! We played hard, and we won ... and I scored the winning goal, which made it even better for me. It was fantastic," said junior **Zac Van Wyk**.

Competition was fierce as the number-one ranked boys' soccer team, Pella took on Nevada, also ranked in the Top Ten. The Saturday game was a tough match, but the Little Dutch came out on top, 1-0.

"We had been working hard all season. It was really tough to go into every game knowing that we are playing many of the top teams. But every game we came together as a team and pulled through and won," said junior **Josh Printz**.



April Ozinga



Chad Beyer



Kyle Simpson



Tara Sorensen, Dustin Browne



Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo



Katie Sopher, Ashley Pavlat

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Just Face It!

You tell us what you thought was this year's biggest trend.



"I think getting your hair permed was a major trend this year because so many people did it."

Sophomore **Amy Cline**



"I think getting your hair cut short and spiking or dyeing it has been a trend this year."

Freshman **Samantha Johnson**



"For clothing, I would have to say white K-Swiss shoes and long key chains that you hang around your neck."

Junior **Matt Pitkin**



"... clothing that is fun and inexpensive, with less emphasis on brand names."

English teacher
Steven Woolery

Soccer girls kick off season



☛Hitting the ground, sophomore **Tremaine Versteeg** gets another save for the girls' soccer team.

Girls' soccer began with a new coach, **Mary Carnell**, and twice the number of players from last year as the girls prepared for their first game. After two weeks of practice, the Lady Dutch, led by captains **Katie Van Dusseldorp** and **Erica Knoll**, juniors, traveled to Grinnell to face the Tigers.

After a sunny day, the weather turned bad, and the rains came for the whole game. Due to the rain, halftime was shortened to five minutes, and the second half was reduced to 20 minutes.

Regardless of the weather, the Dutch scored nine goals. Sophomore **Morgan Kelly** had seven

while sophomore **Katelyn De Panning** and senior **Serena Albani** each had one. **Albani** was ejected from the game after receiving her second yellow card.

With one win under their belt, the Lady Dutch challenged Colo-Nesco Saturday morning in their first home game. Colo-Nesco won by two at halftime. They played strong, and despite a goal by **Kelly** in the second half, CN went home with a 3-1 winner.

"For having bad weather before games, I think we got our season started off on the right foot, even though Saturday's loss was tough," said freshman **Lauren Birkel**.

Band, chorus, orchestra host competition



☛As the first chorus performance of the evening, mixed chorus performed two pieces. The mixed chorus was followed by the girls' and boys' choruses.

Pella received a 'I' rating in every performance at state music contest held Fri., May 4. Only four top ratings were given to the bands performing throughout the evening. Two of them went to Pella's concert and symphonic bands.

Additionally, all three choruses received 'I' ratings.

"It was fun doing the band thing because we got all 'I' ratings. It was really fun to watch the choruses perform, too," said junior **Allison Emerick**, band member.

Chorus member **Julie Rietema**, junior, enjoyed the performance.

"We did really well. We worked hard to get the Division I ratings in all three categories. It was a lot of fun to kick tush," said **Rietema**.

Even though the contest meant an adjustment for Friday night social activities, sophomore **Kyle Simpson** said it was worth it.

"... everything turned out o.k. The chorus sounded amazing, and we all came together at the end. We sounded like we knew what we were doing," said **Simpson**.

State Music Contest Results

Rating: 'I'
•Concert Band
•Symphonic Band
•Mixed Chorus
•Treble Choir
•Bass Choir

It's a girl!

Math teacher **Matt Schulte** and math/science teacher **Carol Schulte** welcomed the newest addition to the family, **Jenna Carolyn Schulte**, May 2. Born at 8 a.m. at the Pella Regional Health Center, **Jenna** weighed eight pounds and was 19.5 inches long.

She was welcomed home by her nine-year-old sister **Heidi**, six-year-old sister **Erica**, and her three-year-old brother **Austin**. "It is interesting how the kids react to her," said **Matt Schulte**.

Soil judging places 20th

Sifting through the soil got sophomores **Russell Hoksbergen**, **Joe Knight**, **Ashley Sample** and **Lance DeVries** to Oklahoma City, Okla., for the National Land Judging Contest held from April 30-May 4. The FFJ members placed 20th of 92 teams who competed.

Playing with dirt wasn't the only thing the group did in Oklahoma. They visited sights, such as the zoo and the bombing memorial.

"The trip was fun. During the day we did other stuff like golfing, go-karting, and going to the zoo," said **Sample**.

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomore **Zach Van Wyk** placed his chewed gum on a piece of pizza, and sophomore **Bryan Vander Meiden** ate it.

Students take time off to kick back and relax at the...

Spring Fling

To kick off the look for the second annual Spring Fling, a dozen journalism students spent countless hours preparing decorations for the dance. Publications students came to the school Saturday afternoon to hang the streamers, lights, balloons, and paper decorations. After spending nearly two hours embellishing the cafeteria, they left with anticipation for the upcoming dance.

Going out to eat was a popular activity before the dance. Most students stayed in Pella,



With a smile, juniors **Heather Vande Lune** and **Amy Van Hall** get down to the music. Before the dance, **Vande Lune** and **Van Hall**, accompanied by their friends, traveled to Perkins in Newton to eat.

but some ventured to out-of-town restaurants. Students also gathered at each other's houses to prepare for the event. Many female students got together to help each other decide on outfits and how to do their hair and make-up.

"Before the spring fling **Sarah (Way)** and I went to Des Moines with (juniors) **Melissa Pierson** and **Jennifer Spoelstra** to meet **Matt Vandevoort**, **Deke Naaktgeboren**, and **Brian Steenhoek**. Then we went out to eat at Stella's," said junior **Kevin Ulmer**.

Sophomore **Kristin Sytsma** and her friends also went to Des Moines.

"Before the dance my friends and I went to Des Moines and got lost for 30 minutes. But it was still fun because we didn't know what we were doing. We got to the dance late, but we still had a good time," said **Sytsma**.

Students began to arrive at eight o' clock in brightly-colored ensembles as DJ **Mike Modlin** provided the dance with music that students could groove to. Marking the last dance before the end of the school year, the relaxed atmosphere gave everyone a chance to cut loose. Students enjoyed punch provided by Hy-Vee and Fareway. As 11 p.m. drew near, students were still dancing enthusiastically.

"The Spring Fling was really fun. It was really nice to take a break from everything and just dance!" said sophomore **Kate Sloan**.

Students celebrated the last dance of the school year by singing and hanging on to each



With hair flying, senior **Mary Melnikova**, exchange student from Russia, goes wild and crazy dancing at the second annual Spring Fling.

other, joining together during the Green Day song, "Time of Your Life."

The dance wrapped up a few minutes after 11 p.m. as journalism students quickly disassembled the decorations they had worked on during the afternoon. However, for many students, the night wasn't over yet. They congregated for late night snacks and crashed for the night.

The journalism department realized a profit of around \$350 for the dance.

"It was worth the effort," said Ann Visser, publications adviser. "I think everyone had a good time."

Five girls' golfers achieve all-conference; two boys named



Senior **Brad Roose** completes the putt on Hole 1 at Bos Landen golf course. **Roose** was a four-year letterwinner in golf.

Despite the fact that all five the girls' golf team placed in the Top 10, the girls' golf team placed second at the Little Hawkeye Conference. However, those earning all-conference recognition were seniors **Randa Van Rhennen** and **Laura Reicks**, juniors **Jenn Freeman** and **Hillary Recker** and freshman **Emily Bensink**.

Freeman said, "During the

Little Hawkeye Conference at Bos, a lot of players struggled, including myself, but we all had a fun time. Grinnell is a really good team, and I respect that. Coming in second place was disappointing, but I think it gave us motivation to improve."

The boys' golf team finished in third place after a three-hole play-off against Oskey at the Little

Hawkeye Conference Tourney.

Playing in Grinnell, senior **Brad Roose** was runner-up medalist with a 73 (35-38) while senior **Todd Dickinson** placed in the top 10 with a 79 (38-41). Knoxville was the tournament winner.

Sophomore **Brandon Morgan** rounded out the scoring with a 82 while freshman **Nathan Kroese** carded an 83.



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

The 'Monday Curse' affected the girls' soccer team once again as they had to endure the rainy weather in their season opener at Grinnell.

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Slammin' Sports...

At the boys' tennis conference meet, junior **Matt Vandervoort** sports an ace against his opponent.

"It was a great day for tennis. The weather was perfect, and it couldn't have been a better day. I started off the day against the second seed, and I really should have won, but I took myself out of my own game. I ended up winning the consolation bracket easily, so it was kind of disappointing. Our doubles teams played well and put out their best ability. We finished the day getting fourth, which is what we were planning to get. I hope I performed well and helped my team out the best I could this year. It was a great season and I hope to have another great one next year," said **Vandervoort**.

Vandervoort finished fifth in singles, and senior **Joe Cerwinski** finished fourth in singles.

The girls' golf team has had a spectacular season, and Monday's meet was no exception as they defeated South Tama in a home meet at the Pella Country Club. Senior **Laura Reicks** and junior **Jenn Freeman**, right, were medalists.

"The meet against South Tama was an easy meet for us. No matter how easy or difficult our competition is, we always 'play the course, not the competition.' During the meet, all of our team members played well, and it was just another example of how lucky I am to be on this team with so many talented people. We really came together as a unit, and our scores and attitudes showed it," said **Freeman**.

Whacking it...



Tulip Time kicked off the week. Construction work for the Molengraaf was completed just in time for the first tour bus to roll into town. "It looks really nice; I can't wait until the chocolate store opens," said sophomore **Jocelyn Davis**.

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Mary Melnikova



Michelle VanVark, Klayton Korver



Matt Melhus



Scott DePrenger, Ruth Esveld



Emily Bensink



Allison Roush,
Elizabeth Summitt

Two of a Kind

Celebrating the relationship of mother and child



New Mother

Mother's Day had a new meaning for Spanish teacher **Melissa Walker**, who gave birth to a baby girl in February. "Motherhood is adapting to the inconsistencies of having a baby in the NICU, but it is also depending on God to provide you with faith for some consistency. It is seeing your child as a blessing no matter the circumstances. It is being your child's advocate when they are young, and teaching them to be their own as they grow. And lastly, it will be a life-long lesson in unconditional love and being their guardian angel," said **Walker**.

Grandmother as Mother

"My mom died of colon cancer when I was six years old. Every Mother's Day I look around church and see all of the mothers with their daughters, so it is very hard for me. I am extremely grateful, though, to have such wonderful grandparents here for me, not only to have raised me but also to share memories with. Before my mom died, she gave me a heart sticker. She then told me that even though she wouldn't be able to be with me on earth, she would always be with me in my heart. I will always cherish the memories and the pictures of my mom forever," junior **Kassi VanWyk**, right, with Mom **Sandi**.



Adopting Mother

Mothers come in all different forms. Senior **B.J. Wouterse's** mother, **Linda**, adopted him when **B.J.** was a baby. **Wouterse** has had many difficulties growing up. He has dealt with kids making fun of him for being different from his parents. He still believes, however, that he has a better life here than if he was still in India, where he was adopted from. "I value my relationship with my mom and dad. Without them, I would probably not be alive or, at least, not have as good of a life," said **Wouterse**.



Mother

Freshman **Becky Steenhoek** has a loving relationship with her mother, **Judy**. "Being the baby of the family, my mom and I have always been very close. And even though I am no longer a baby, my mom and I still 'hang around.' We still spend a lot of time together, though. I love her very much," said **Becky**.



Jessica Grier



Kendra Lahvic



Scott Mathes



Dance Troupe



Robbi Hill, Jordan Kologe



Michelle VanVark

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Despite the lack of the flower for which the festival is famous, May 10, 11, and 12 still brought ...

Tulip Time in full bloom



*"Being Tulip Queen
was an experience I
will never forget."*

Senior
Randa Van Rheenen

*Tulip Queen **Randa Van Rheenen**, senior, beams before the parade Thursday afternoon. Thursday night activities were cancelled when a tornado watch was issued for the area.

It happened again. While the tulips were most bloomed and gone before the May 10, 11, and 12 still brought ... Tulip Time, the fun and frivolity of the annual event still continued.

Seniors **Randa Van Rheenen**, **Jawni Vaverka** and **Molly Vermeer** left Tulip Time with lifetime memories. These three girls represented PHS on the 2001 Tulip Time Court; **Van Rheenen** was queen.

Vermeer said, "It was a lot of work but also a lot of fun traveling through Iowa and making new friends with the girls on the court."

The group made about 40 appearances, including a day with Gov. Tom Vilsack, nursing home visits, VEISHA in Ames, and the Drake Relay. However, they said the most memorable was their stay at Lois Vermeer's summer home in Panora.

"Although it was a lot of work, it was fun getting to know the girls on the court. Close friendships were formed when we traveled, and our Tulip Moms were always full of energy," said **Vaverka**.

"Being Tulip Queen was an experience I will never forget. I made lifelong friendships with the court ...," **Van Rheenen** said.

Van Rheenen and her court appeared in five of the six scheduled parades as only Thursday night parade was cancelled due to weather.

Just say anything...

"It seems that the older we get the less interesting Tulip Time becomes, and then you hit that stage where it all becomes interesting again...70." Sophomore **Tyler Criss**

"Tulip Time is getting to be overrated, I don't care about the tulips." Freshman **Chung Yang**

"The most exciting thing about Tulip Time was eating the food, my favorite was the Oriental." Freshman **Matt Klassen**

"I videotaped people, there were a lot of people doing a lot of stupid things." Freshman **Alex Schuring**

"It was really boring because the parade was the same every single day." Sophomore **Amy Laug**

"Tulip Time was good this year, since it was my first appearance after my vacation in the hospital due to mono." Junior **Ryan Redman**

"I don't like tourist, especially when they walk through my yard. They think they own the town." Freshman **Leah Robinson**

"Over Tulip Time I went to movies, walked around, and ate too much food." Freshman **Josh Jones**

"I ate lots, especially shikabobs, and enjoyed the nice weather. Overall this Tulip Time was very memorable." Junior **Katie Roorda**

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

During Tulip Time

a group of freshman boys dumped over port-a-pottys.

Tulip Time can mean ...

All work and no play

Many students did not find Tulip Time to be a time to kick back and relax. Stress took its toll, but most students agreed the hard work had positive results.

Sophomore **Billi Ellingson** put in a 30-hour week while working at Jaarsma Bakery. She considered this as more of a learning experience, not just another ordinary work week.

"I enjoyed working because I got to interact with a lot of tourists and missed school. Some tourists were cranky and annoying, which made the week long," **Ellingson** said.

Junior **Ashley Belloma**, below, worked two jobs.

"Since I had two jobs during Tulip Time, I didn't have much free time with my friends. It was very stressful trying to find time to work at both jobs," said **Belloma**, who balanced time between Dairy Queen and the Pella Hospital. She put in nine hours at the Dairy Queen stand and 10 hours at the hospital during the three days.

Senior **Mark Vermeer** did many odd jobs while riding his Gator around town. Some of them included emptying trash cans, giving rides, and answering questions. **Vermeer** held this job three days from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., totaling 26 hours.

Vermeer said, "Driving the Gators was fun, but we didn't have very much time to socialize with friends." He added that having some of his friends working with him did make it fun at times.

Approximately 18 students seized the opportunity to be paid for working in a stand when Rotary Club offered eight dollars an hour for workers.

Junior **Julie Rietema** was one of the students who took at least one shift for the group.

"It was a lot of fun except for the old people who yelled at me, but it was worth it," said **Rietema**.



*Junior **Ashley Belloma** waits on Tulip Time customers while working at the Dairy Queen stand.



*Juniors **Matt DeVries** and **Cory Vande Kieft** made Tulip Time interesting this year by making a video. "Tulip Time was excellent. I did my best not to offend the locals in my jovial video-taping venture," said **Vande Kieft**.



*Many students took active roles in the parades. Pictured are juniors **Bryan George** and **Karrie Peterson** riding the American Legion float for Girls' and Boys' State. "I felt like a dork waving, so I decided to go to the thumbs up instead," said **George**.



*Freshman **Cory Hill** used Tulip Time and his dog Chunks to his advantage. "Tulip Time was cool because I got to see a lot of hot women with my dog Chunks," said **Hill**.



*"My favorite part about Tulip Time is all the unique foods. The Chinese shishkabobs really hit the spot. I tried to get a sample from each of the food stands throughout the festival," said sophomore **Lindsay Mc Farland**, buying eggrolls.



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

*Junior **Deke Naaktgeboren** crashed junior **Brian Steenhoek's** moped while retrieving one dollar bills from the bank.*

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**Performing in the group 10-4, sophomores Alex Ung and Gaoder Vue carry out the routine that the group choreographed.



**Show choir, directed by Nickolet Pohorsky, finishes their 80's performance with smiles all around. Pohorsky said, "I think they did very well. They worked very hard, and they had a fun time doing it."

Carnaby Club

It was a big night for entertainment as more than 75 students participated in Carnaby Club May 18-19. Performances included Jazz I, "Some Days You Gotta Dance" - sophomore triple trio; (senior) **Jessica Post** and the Poster Girls; Trailer Trash; 10-4; "Run Around Sue" - boys' double quartet; show choir; Jazz II; "America" - senior triple trio; "Beatles" - men's triple trio; "Steam Heat," "You Don't Own Me" - junior triple trio; (senior) **Jaci Newendorp** and (senior) **Jawnica Vaverka**, duet; and "Diamonds Are A Girl's Best Friend" - freshman triple trio. Solos were done by "(senior) **Emily Lubberden**, (sophomore) **Samantha McCurry**, (senior) **Irene ErkenBrack**, (senior) **Peter Cline**, and **Newendorp**.

Sophomore **Alex Ung** said, "I think we really go into it (10-4) after we got anxiety out of us, and we stepped on the stage. We were really nervous but had a really fun time performing for everybody."

takes a bow



**Sharing his talents, senior Peter Cline sings "Jesus Christ Superstar."



**Hamming it up on stage, one junior girl and eight senior girls participate in the "Trailer Trash" routine.



**Singing "Runaround Sue," freshman Darvin Graham performs in the boys' double quartet.



**Gracing the stage, senior Emily Lubberden sings her solo.

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Jaci Newendorp



Tera Behning, Billi Ellingson



John Bogaards



Laura Reicks, Shannon Steenhoek



Becky Steenhoek



Alex Ung, Matt Falcon

Seniors countdown the final days

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****Senior Matt Verhey** studies for semester tests as his days as a high school student come to a close.

****Senior Nick Hatzigvenakis** tears down the remains of the 'four days left' sign from the senior countdown.



FOUR

THREE



****Senior Brandon Kane** slam dunks the basketball while playing with his friends as the year comes to a close.

****Senior B. J. Wouterse** topples on top of senior Nick Brooks after going down the slip-and-slide at the senior class picnic.



TWO

ONE



****Assistant Principal Eric Nelson** smiles after getting completely soaked. Nelson got a garbage can full of water dumped on him by some seniors at the picnic.

Candid Camera



**** Seniors Laura Reicks, Kim Henle, and Shannon Steenhoek** dance to classmate Jessica Post's solo, "42nd Street."

Lady Dutch race to fourth place Tracy Marlow earns state champion title in the long jump; team ties for fourth



**** Flying** into the long jump pit at state is sophomore Tracy Marlow. Marlow made a jump of 17'7", her personal best, to become state champion.

Results from the 2001 Girls' State Track Meet

4X100-Kelli Marlow, Lyndsay Van Maaren, Chelsea Freese, Tracy Marlow-3rd
4X200-K.Marlow, Jena Marlow, Ashley Bogaards, T. Marlow-3rd
4X800-Tera Behning, Nicole Beyer, Beth Jones, Mary Hiemstra-19th
Distance Medley-Chelsea Freese, Tara Sorensen, Tera Behning, Ashley Bogaards-22nd
Shuttle Hurdle Relay-Katie Kniff, Tara Sorensen, Suzanne Corum, Sarah Way-11th
1500 meter run-Behning-22nd
800 meter run-Hiemstra-21st
Long jump-T. Marlow-1st; K. Marlow-9th
Shot put-Jennie Bandstra-7th; Julie Rietema-11th
Discus-Rietema-7th
Overall: 4th (tie with Nevada)



Tracy Marlow



Sarah Way



Jennie Bandstra



Tara Sorensen



Nicole Beyer



Ashley Bogaards

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"I am planning on either working at my job to earn some money or do something with my friends."

Freshman **Brian Boat**



"I'm going to go to graduation and go to Sioux Center to visit my relatives for my cousin's birthday."

Sophomore

Heather Kraayenbrink



"I plan on going back to California and going to the beach with my friends and family."

Junior **Matt Santiago**



"I am looking forward to graduation and going to Georgia with my boyfriend."

Senior **Jessica Larvick**

Cartoons aren't just for kids

What is your favorite cartoon and why?

"Garfield because he always gets himself into situations that I get myself into."
Sophomore **Adam Whitehead**

If you could be any cartoon character, who would you be and why?

"Homer Simpson because he gets to sleep while he works, and he has a hot wife."
Freshman **Nick Fitch**

If you could have any cartoon superhero's superpower, whose would it be and why?

"I would have Bubble's superpowers because she can kick some major booty!"
Sophomore **Jessica Dingeman**

Which channel do you watch most of your cartoons on?

15%-Nickelodeon 15%-Disney 19%-Fox 36%-Cartoon Network 15%-Other

What is your favorite cartoon?

3%-Angry Beavers 10%-Scooby Doo 31%-Simpsons 11%-Rugrats
8%-Sponge Bob Square Pants 6%-Powerpuff Girls 2%-Jetsons 4%-Arthur 25%-Other

How often do you watch cartoons?

35%-Daily 32%-Weekly 22%-Monthly 11%-Never

How many hours do you spend watching cartoons a week?

8%-Never 48%-1 or less 23%-1-2 hours 11%-3-4 hours 10%-4 or more

What is your favorite comic strip in the Des Moines Register?

25%-Garfield 7%-Dilbert 16%-Baby Blues 8%-Peanuts 15%-Zits 5%-Dennis the Menace 46%-Family Circus 5%-Fox Trot 15%-Other

If you created your own comic, what would it include?

11%-Office Humor 15%-Superheros 18%-Daily Stress 15%-Relationships
8%-Animals 6%-Children 9%-Anime 18%-Other

How often do you read comics?

13%-Daily 38%-Weekly 25%-Monthly 24%-Never



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomore **Kayla Kafka** was talking with sophomore **Jeff Steenhoek's** dad, **Kafka** wasn't paying attention to where she was walking and ran into the partition between two doors.

State Champs!

Boys' golf claims title

After placing third in the Little Hawkeye Conference Tournament, the boys' golf team came back in Atlantic to become state champs. "I told my players that I wanted us to shoot some scores that really showed how good we were. I also told them that I did not think we were considered the favorites to win. I was impressed and delighted," said Coach **Gifford Graham**.

Led by sophomore **Tyler Roose** and freshman **Nathan Kroese**, the Dutch blazed their way to a four-stroke lead over Carroll Kuemper. **Roose** shot a 153 in 36 holes with **Kroese** right behind with 154 strokes. Senior **Brad Roose** and sophomore **Stuart Steenhoek** shot 155 and 156, respectively.

"Winning state was one of the best feelings I've had in high school. It felt good to end my senior year with a championship, after struggling the past two years," said senior **Brad**

★Showing off their trophy after their win at the boys' state golf tournament are sophomore **Tyler Roose**, freshman **Jon Vermeer**, senior **Todd Dickinson**, Coach **Gifford Graham**, senior **Brad Roose**, freshman **Nathan Kroese**, and sophomore **Stuart Steenhoek**.



★Seniors **Todd Dickinson** (right) and **Brad Roose** (above), pictured with their families, receive their diplomas. The seniors could not make it back to Pella for their graduation, so **Gifford Graham** (coach) presented his senior golfers with their diplomas while on the course.

Roose. He claimed the second best round score for 18 holes.

"It was a great way to go out. It's something I'll always remember," said senior **Todd Dickinson**. **Dickinson** finished sixth on the team with a score of 173.



The last time that Pella won a state championship in golf was in 1973, also on the Atlantic course.

Color guard names 27 members for 2001-02

Auditions were held Thursday and Friday for the new 2001-2002 color guard team. Each of the girls was scored by how well they did in certain categories such as, marching, rhythm, style and posture, coordination, ability to use the equipment, and an audition routine.

Captains **Maria Vos**, **Amy Ihlerd**, **Laura Reicks**, and

Randa VanRheenen taught the audition routine one week advance in preparation for the auditions.

Freshman **Alison Corbett** said, "It was fun learning the routine because I had never done flags before. I think we'll have a good season, and I'm looking forward to it."

Some struggled through the process while others appeared

completely calm and confident.

"I was kind of nervous before the auditions, but during them and afterwards I felt more sure of myself. I'm really happy that I made it because it will be a nice change for next year," said sophomore **Kayla Kafka**.

Others were weary during the process, like junior **Sunny Visser**, who said, "I was really glad and relieved that we had

enough people try out for rifles because if we didn't have at least six acceptable people, then there wouldn't be a rifle section next year."

Regarding Guard Director **Dick Redman's** hope and enthusiasm for the upcoming season, he said, "I think that we selected a good ensemble of girls who will perform to the best of their ability and make it at fun and exciting year for all of us."

Flags

Ashley Sponsler- Captain
Lindsey Kiefaber- Captain
Elisabeth Bruss- Captain
Karrie Peterson
Laura Sopher
Shelley Vander Werff

Annie Carlson
Elizabeth Jones
Tera Behning
Amber Seekamp
Tiffany Pol
Lindsay McFarland

Kayla Kafka
Nicole Beyer
Allison Emerick
Becky Steenhoek
Alison Corbett

Megan McCombs
Katie Van Vark
Kelly Eysink
Emily Goodyk



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomore **Jeff Dole** hid in the back of junior **Ashley Sponsler's** car and video taped her for 45 minutes.

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Just Face It!

What did you admire most about this year's senior class?



"I felt that they matured and became focused on doing well in the classroom. I was happy with classroom behavior and results of projects. If they continue to develop, I think these people will become very successful in home, family, and work life."

Social Studies Teacher
Mark Core



"I admired their unity."
Secretary Jeffy Schuring



"I admired their quest to want to learn and know more about music."

Choir Director
Nicolet Pohorsky



"The majority of the seniors stayed friendly"

English Teacher
Linda Harms

Only the start...



☼Beating the odds, senior **Amanda Steeples** accepts her diploma. Steeples spent a year in rehab, recovering from injuries suffered in a car accident during her sophomore year.



☼In a "Survivor" spoof, senior **Chase Van Zee** votes senior **Matt Falcon** out of Pella using his nickname for **Falcon**. Tito at Falcon's graduation party.

☼Enjoying the graduation parties, senior **John Nistor** and **Tony Pierson** reminisce about the past year at senior **Rachel Madden's** house.



Nicest Smile

Gretchen King, Colin Waits

Nicest Hair

Julia Wilson, Justin Van Maaren

Nicest Eyes

Lori Hardin, Jordan Kologe

Prettiest/ Most Handsome

Jawnica Vaverka, Josh Hamre

Most Likely to be a Millionaire

Laura Reicks, Kenneth Ryerson

Most School Spirit

Anne Jacobson, Brad Chamra

Most Likely to be U.S. President

Anne Jacobson, Gary Pothoven

Worst Driver

Casey Wineland, BenVan Vark

Most Likely to Succeed

Emily Lubberden,
Kenneth Ryerson

Best of the Best

...as voted in the Pelladium survey

Next PHS Principal

Megan Austin, Chip Racheter

Biggest Flirt

Marcia Brown, Beau Browne

Most Studious

Jawnica Vaverka,
Nick Hatzievgenakis

Best Actor

Irene ErkenBrack, Peter Cline

Best Musician

Emily Lubberden, Peter Cline

Best Athlete

Ashley Bogaards, Matt Spreacker

Best Sense of Humor

Randa Van Rheenen,
Brandon Dahm

Friendliest

Randa Van Rheenen, Tony Pierson

Best Nickname

Sarah Vandevoort, "Sassquatch,"
Zach Brummel, "Spermy"

Most Well-Rounded Student

Michelle Van Vark,
Gary Pothoven

Best Artist

Angela Sels, Ryan Van Andel

Most Likely to be Famous

Irene ErkenBrack, Peter Cline

Most Talkative

Marcia Brown, Nick Rempe

Best Laugh

Gretchen King,
Lane VanDer Molen

Hardest Worker

Jaci Newendorp, Carrie Hibbar

Most Likely to Make Your Day

Tony Pierson, Randa Van Rheen

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Serena Alboni



Megan DeWild



Mark Braun



Matt Falcon



Sarah Vandevoort



Barry Erken Brack

Class of



Jessica Post

Chip Racheter

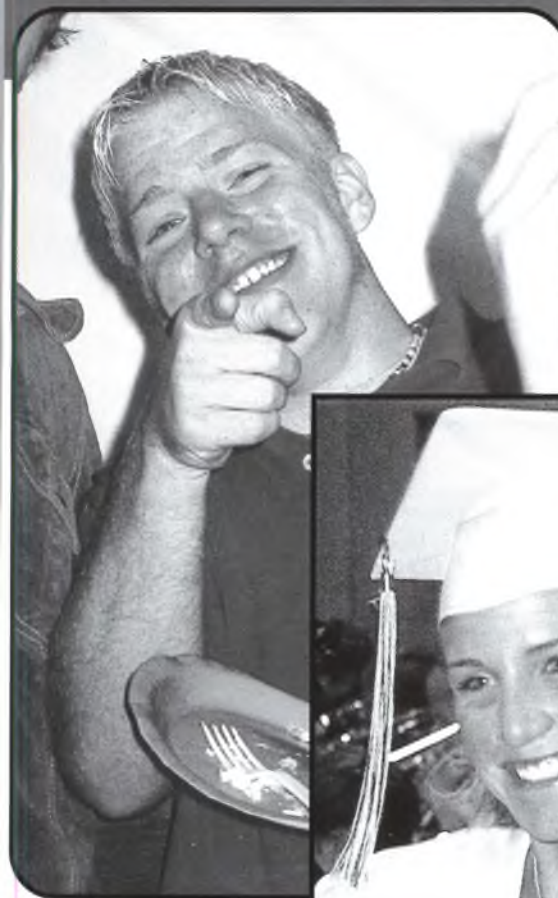
Class Moto of 2001:

"What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us."

Ralph Waldo Emerson

Class Colors: Green and Silver

Class Flower: Yellow Rose with Purple Trim



After the ceremony senior Adam Van Wyk lives it up at classmate Becky De Koning's graduation party.

Just before the graduation ceremony, senior Ashley Bogaards beams while anticipating the evening's upcoming events.



Seniors Speakin'

Seniors give their goodbyes and advice to their peers.

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Graduation. It marks an end and a new beginning. An end to our years spent huddled over a desk in the Pella school district. A new beginning spent huddled over a desk in college classroom or a full-time job. It

may seem like it is an end to all the memories we have made with our friends. But I don't see it like that. It is a new adventure waiting to be explored. When I look at our class, I realize the impact we have made upon the people around us and upon each other. We have many leaders and role models in our class. We are active not just in school, but in the community as well.



Senior Jaci Newendorp

We were too different, but now I realize that those differences have made us unique and extraordinary. It's ironic that now that we have become so close, it is time for us to part ways.

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...When I think back on this class, I see a class that has been blessed by God. When tragedy strikes, or someone is feeling down, there is always someone there to help. It has been some of these darker times that defined what our class is. It's been amazing to be able to look back and just see how our class gels at times like these. One of the best things I had going for me was having the privilege to "mature" with the class of 2001.

For over a decade, these are the people that I have come to know and learned to love. This is the end of the first chapter of our lives. I'm looking forward to the chapters yet to be written.

Many doors will open to us. I urge us all to choose wisely which room we decide to journey into.

...things are only going to get better.



Senior Tony Pierson

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Brandon Dahm



Nick Haman



Andrew Van Wyk



Jennifer Langham



Nick Hatzievgenis



Rachel Madden

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MEMORIAL Day

Science teacher **Les Carter**, a Vietnam War veteran, shared his thoughts on Memorial Day and his war experience.



"No, I think most people just see it as a day off, and it is supposed to be a memorial to veterans."
Freshman **Andrew Lundgren**



"I don't think Memorial Day is recognized by our generation because there have not been wars fought recently that we have been involved in."
Junior **Sarah Way**



"I really don't think it is respected. When I was younger my father and I went to the graveyard to respect those who fought the good fight."
Freshman **Josh Daniel**

Do you feel Memorial Day is respected as much as it should be?

No. My mom's generation grew up during the Depression and World War II years when the nation was (in my opinion) united by similar stresses and fears. When I was growing up (some say I haven't done that yet), generally I felt that there was a different (more positive) view towards the Presidency and "authority." The assassination of JFK and the highly-controversial Vietnam conflict really soured the public on government. We are now a cynical society.

How do you celebrate Memorial Day?

My son's birthday is on the "old" Memorial Day, so it is a family event. When I was a kid, we used to go to the town (Monroe) cemetery for services there and decorate deceased family graves. Now it is more of a family holiday. My wife mentioned how decorating graves, etc., on Memorial Day is passing away with our mothers' generation.

How does being in a war change your life?

Being drafted into the Army for a college graduation gift wasn't my ideal present! The experiences made me appreciate living in the United States much more. I was fortunate to have mostly "pleasant" (not fond) memories of my year "in country."

What do you think should be changed or done for Memorial Day that is not done now?

A holiday has to be supported by the people in order for it to really have any meaning. The climate of the nation is changing and the national unifying event WWII is just an ancient memory for much of the nation (baby boomers and younger.) I don't know if Memorial Day will be celebrated like it was 40+ years ago. I know I have different feelings now compared to back then.



Floating down the Saigon River, **Les Carter** wades behind his boat. **Carter** was stationed just outside of Saigon, Vietnam. Right, **Carter** enjoys a lighter moment while working in a communications center.



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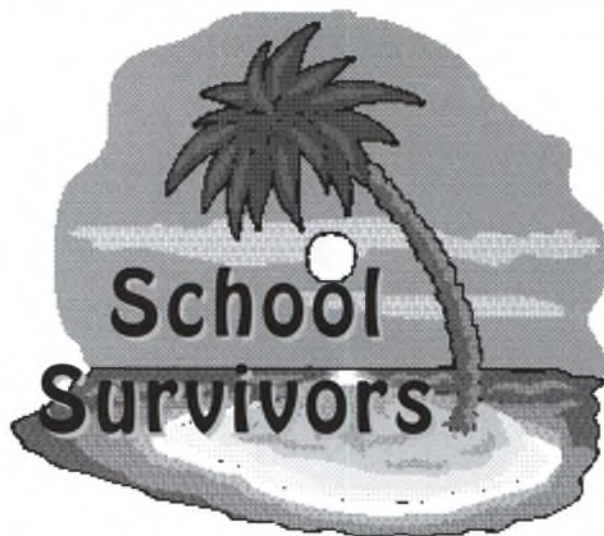
*Sophomore **Nancy Phiv** sucked noodles up her nose and made them come out of her nose during lunch.*



★★ The girls' softball team hosted Oskaloosa June 4. The freshmen lost, 5-2, the JV won, 3-0, and the varsity defeated the Indians, 6-0. Senior **Holly Edwards** smacked a three-run home run in the sixth inning to stretch their lead. Above, freshman **Tara Sorensen**, **Edwards**, and juniors **Kristin Wares**, **Julie Rietema**, and **Katie Ross** celebrate in the infield after making an out. "The game was a big thrill because they are a tough team. It was a close game, but we did well in the sixth inning, and **Edwards** came through big with a home run which got us all psyched up! It was sweet!" said **Rietema**.

Softball, baseball swing into seasons

★★ Keeping his eye on the ball is varsity catcher, sophomore **Tyler Criss**. The JV and varsity boys' baseball team faced Knoxville June 4. JV lost, 6-5, and varsity lost, 11-1. "It is always a big rivalry when we play Knoxville. It is too bad we lost to them again because we lose to them every year," said senior **Chris Hegwood**. The freshman boys' baseball team traveled to Oskaloosa, where they played a doubleheader. They won the first game, 8-4 but lost the second game, 8-3.



Despite having an 11-week fourth quarter and making up eight snow days, the student body managed to accomplish many things during the 2000-2001 school year.

9 athletic teams qualified for their state tournaments

286 students made the first semester honor roll

12 "I" ratings were earned at state by the speech team

44 seniors graduated with honors

55 "I" band ratings were earned in band competition

12 awards were won by the Pelladium and Duchess staffs in competitions

42 sophomores were inducted into the National Honor Society



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

*Sophomores **Adrian Bell** and **Josh Haman**, dressed as superheroes, went to the police station and asked if there were any job openings for fighting crime.*

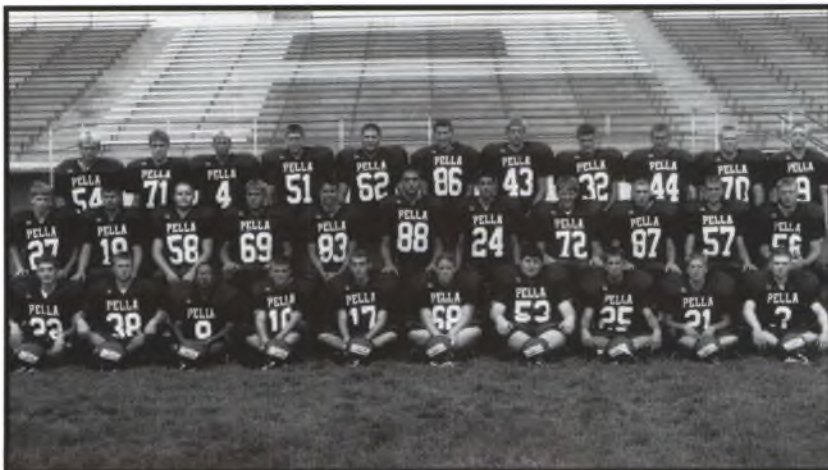
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V A R S I T Y



VARSITY FOOTBALL. Luke Ballenger, Vance Schuring, B.J. Wouterse, Zac Van Wyk, John Cogley, Wade Lamb, Tyler Rempe, Nick Hatzievgenakis, Justin Van Maaren, Tony Pierson. ROW 2: David Van Wyk, Chris Hegwood, Nathan Lester, Keith Jones, Robbi Hill, Lance Roorda, Matt Spreacker, Nick Rempe, Bret Schuring, Matt De Vries, Scott De Prenger. ROW 3: Scott Mathes, D.J. Henle, Tyler Beerends, Tyler Roose, Nick Brooks, Aaron Bonnema, Josh Hamre, Colin Waits, Aaron Bloodsworth, Adam Frohling, Kevin Van Dyke.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Washington	14-6
Clarke	19-0
Oskaloosa	28-0
Grinnell	7-42
Knoxville	32-21
Saydel	54-0
Nevada	21-0
South Tama	7-0
Norwalk	21-17
Districts	
Creston	6-21
Overall Record:	8-2

“I had a blast playin’ football because we had a successful season and a cooperative team. Overall, it was a crazy time.”
Junior
Scott Mathes

Awards

2000 Des Moines Register All- State:

Senior **Josh Hamre**, 2nd team

Senior **Nick Brooks**, 2nd team

2000 Iowa Football Coaches Assoc.

Academic All-State - Senior **Colin Waits**

2000 All-District:

Hamre, 1st team

Senior **Keith Jones**, 1st team

Brooks, 1st team

Senior **Matt Spreacker**, 1st team

Senior **Aaron Bonnema**, 1st team

Sophomore **Vance Schuring**, 1st team

Senior **Bret Schuring**, 1st team

Waits, 1st team

Junior **Tyler Beerends**, Honorable Mention

Senior **Chris Hegwood**, Honorable Mention

Junior **Scott Mathes**, Honorable Mention

2000 All District Academic:

Seniors: **Tony Pierson**, **Nick Hatzievgenakis**, **Waits**, **Bonnema**, **B. Schuring**. Juniors: **Matt DeVries**, **Erica Knoll** (student trainer). Sophomores: **Kevin Van Dyke**, **Scott Ewell**, **Luke Ballenger**, **Vance Schuring**, **Tyler Roose**, **D.J. Henle**, **Nick Mulder**

2000 Iowa Newspaper Association All-

State: **Brooks**, 2nd team



Thrusting his helmet into the air as the crowd around him lifts him up, senior **Keith Jones** celebrates the Little Dutch victory over Knoxville. **Jones** said, “The first half of the Knoxville game was pretty bad being down 21-6. But at halftime the captains got our team fired up, we won the game and kept the tradition alive.”



Nick Hatzievgenakis



Tyler Beerends



Joey Knight



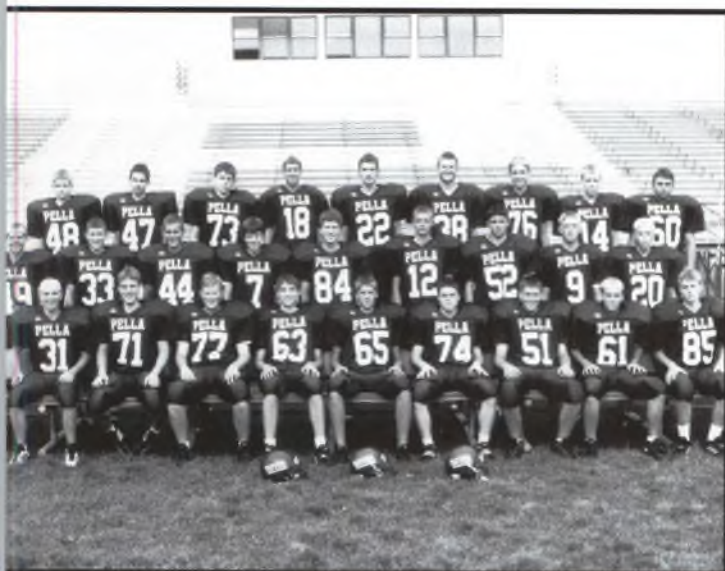
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Aaron Bonnema



John Cogley



JUNIOR VARSITY FOOTBALL. Jonathan Miller, D.J. Henle, Jim Dingeman, Jeff Steenhoek, Klayton Korver, Chris Durham, Tyler Roose, Cody Beaver, Chris Boeyink. ROW 2: Billy Fox, Ben Bollard, Aaron Bloodsworth, Chris Shrout, Lucas Waits, Scott Ewell, Zach Van Horn, Kevin Van Dyke, Andrew Kinne. ROW 3: Brad Veverka, Marc Kucinski, Dustin Eick, Tyler Cowman, Luke Ballenger, Vance Schuring, Kyle Simpson, Jeff Dole, Andrew Reeder.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Washington	17-7
Clarke	40-6
Oskaloosa	21-27
Grinnell	39-0
Knoxville	37-13
Saydel	37-14
Nevada	47-14
South Tama	35-6
Norwalk	48-7
Overall Record :	8-1

*"We challenge ...
the players to prepare
for future success."*

Junior Varsity Coach
Dave Bensink



Chris Hegwood, Coach McKinstrey



Nick Mulder



Vance Schuring



Freshmen



Tyler Cowman



Zac Van Wyk

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Washington	16-14
Clarke of Osceola	39-24
Oskaloosa	44-14
Grinnell	8-14
Knoxville	3-6
Saydel	36-8
Nevada	44-22
South Tama	36-42
Norwalk	34-54

Football teams finish with winning seasons

Victory was the word of the season this fall for the football teams as all three teams had winning records. Team members agreed that the season was enjoyable, including freshman **Brian Melhus**.

"I thought the games were a lot of fun because we could pull together as a team and put to use all those hours of practice," said Melhus.

The freshman had a 5-4 record.

The JV walked away with only one loss, a 27-21 defeat by Oskaloosa.

Sophomore **Lucas Waits** said, "Like my grandma always says, 'Someone's gotta be the loser.'"

Teammate **Zach Van Horn** said, "This season went very well because we practiced hard and prepared well for games."

The JV team posted an 8-1 record.

The varsity team gained some ground this year with an overall record of 8-2, making it to the first round in the play-offs where they lost at Creston, 21-6.

Senior **Nick Hatzievgenakis** said, "My first and last year in football has been productive and successful, and I wouldn't change a thing!"

Junior **Wade Lamb** added, "Football was awesome. I loved the physical contact and competing with other schools!"

FRESHMEN. Dustin Pitt, Matt Van Maanen, Sam Reicks, Andy Hawkins, Chris Vos, Chris Corbin, Taylor Brummel, Mike Salz, Bryce Steenhoek, Brad McNabb, Mike Edwards. ROW 2: Joe Burch, Seamus Turnbull, Jeremy Olsen, Tim Newendorp, Jason Pfadenhauer, Jon Erickson, Brady Van Vark, Don Trotter, Collin Knoll, Ryan Salter, Stephen Bandstra, Jasen Dahm. ROW 3: Dustin De Haan, Drew Wilson, Mike Van Dusseldorp, Bryan Janssen, Josh Smith, Mike Langenfeld, Jacob Vaverka, Brian Melhus, Jon Vermeer, Trent Sikkema, Matt Terlouw.



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VOLLEYBALL

Makin' state

Varsity defeats Grinnell in regionals to earn trip

Doing drill after drill, the hard work paid off when the girls qualified for state for the first time in the team's history.

Senior **Ashley Bogaards** said, "It was a lot of fun and a memorable experience, something none of us will forget. Beating Grinnell and knowing we had accomplished a huge goal was one of those experiences."

Team unity was a big factor in the success of the team.

"We've brought Pella volleyball to another level this year. Every member of the team worked hard and did their best, and it finally came together," said sopho-

more **Lindsay Korver**. Korver along with sophomores **Jer Marlow**, **Heather Kraayenbrin** and **Tremaine Versteeg**, were moved to the varsity team for the last part of the season when the girls qualified for state.

Sophomore **Tracy Marlow** (member of the varsity team all season) said, "I think beating Pella in the first round districts made us believe we could go as far as we wanted."

Coach **Mary Carnell** said, "It was an honor for the team to accomplish this. We worked hard and were very excited about going."



VOLLEYBALL ACTION. Senior **Holly Edwards**, top, hits the floor for a dig while teammate **Ashley Bogaards**, senior, prepares to assist. Sophomore **Tracy Marlow** readies for the return.



SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Waukee	3-0 - Won
Grinnell	3-0 - Won
SE Polk/Newton	4-0 - Won
Oskaloosa	0-3 - Lost
Chariton	3-0 - Won
Boone	0-3 - Lost
Knoxville	3-2 - Won
Pella Christian	2-3 - Lost
Pella Invitational	1st
Norwalk	3-0 - Won
Districts - Pella Christian	3-1 - Won
Regionals - Davis County	3-0 - Won
Regionals - Grinnell	3-0 - Won
State - Central/DeWitt	1-3 - Lost

HONORS

Ashley Bogaards
Julie Rietema
Kelli Marlow
Jena Marlow

Bogaards
Rietema
K. Marlow
J. Marlow
Bogaards

All-State

1st Team, Academic
2nd Team
Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention

All-Conference

1st Team, Academic
2nd Team
Honorable Mention
Honorable Mention
Academic



VARSITY VOLLEYBALL. Kelli Marlow, Tracy Marlow, Hillary Recker, Julie Rietema, Jenni Norris, Holly Edwards, Ashley Bogaards, Brianne Schutte, Jena Marlow, Elizabeth Summitt, Lori Hardin.



Tracy Marlow, Lori Hardin,
Ashley Bogaards, Jena Marlow



Kelli Marlow



Holly Edwards



Varsity team and
Coach Carnell



Ashley Bogaards



Gretchen King, Molly Vermeer,
Kalen Eastwood

Volleyball teams finish winning seasons

The JV team finished its season with a 16-1 record. That one loss occurred against Boone Sept. 19. However, the determined players didn't let that bring them down. They went on to defeat Knoxville and Pella Christian in their last two games.

"We had a really good season because we all got along well, and I think that we're all looking forward to next year," said sophomore **Kayla Kafka**.

Several said team meals were a favorite part of their season.

"It was funny when we had a team meal at my house and (sophomore) Tremain Versteeg stuffed a whole bunch of gumballs in her mouth. It was fun to watch her

drool," said sophomore **Brittany McCulla**.

The freshman squad of 22 players found the year to be tougher than they thought, and they ended up 8-5.

Several girls on the freshmen team realized that high school volleyball teams required much more effort and work.

"We worked as a team, our hard effort and team unity paid off, although the circuits worked us sore, and we could barely walk the next day, we liked the workout," freshman **Paola Espinosa** said.

"From doing our hair at team meals to singing on the buses, it was all enjoyable," said freshman **Becky Steenhoek**.



JUNIOR VARSITY. Katie Overbergen, Heather Kraayenbrink, Sharilene Hoekstra, Morgan Kelly, Amy Laug, Tara Sorensen, Katelyn DePenning. ROW 2: Coach Brenda Versteeg, Amanda Chapman, Brittany McCulla, Tremain Versteeg, Lindsay Korver. ROW 3: Lindsay McFarland, Katie Kniff, Kayla Kafka, Catie Beck (not pictured).

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Waukee	2-0 - Won
Grinnell	2-0 - Won
SE Polk/Newton	4-0 - Won
Nevada	2-0 - Won
Oskaloosa	2-0 - Won
Chariton	2-0 - Won
SE Tama Tourn.	1st
PCM Tourn.	1st
Boone	1-2 - Lost
Knoxville	2-0 - Won
Pella Christian	2-0 - Won

FRESHMEN



FRESHMEN. Becky Steenhoek, Danielle Descoteau, Jordy Bloodsworth, Lacey Beyer, Kelly Hudson, Chris Buitenwerf. ROW 2: Paola Espinosa, Micaela Grob, Rachel Barnes, Angela Lothi, Lauren Birkel, Michelle Dykstra, Emily Goodyk. ROW 3: Coach Melissa Walker, Ashley Gritters, Lindsay Graham, Allison Corbett, Lindsey Vander Wert, Brenda Roose, Emma VanderWell, Lara Van Wyk.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Waukee	3-0 - Won
Grinnell	3-0 - Won
SE Polk/Newton	4-0 - Won
Oskaloosa	0-3 - Lost
Chariton	3-0 - Won
Boone	0-3 - Lost
Knoxville	3-2 - Won
Pella Christian	2-3 - Lost
Pella Invitational	1st
Norwalk	3-0 - Won

At the end of their season, members attended the volleyball banquet to recognize all the effort put into the season. "Being the first high school sport I was in, we had a really good season. We all found out what high school competition is like," freshman **Kelly Hudson**, far right, said. **Hudson** is pictured with teammates **Emma Mathomnet-VanderWell** and **Paola Espinosa** (freshmen).



Elizabeth Summitt



JV Volleyball Team



Brenda Roose



Supportive Fans



Heather Kraayenbrink,
Coach Brenda Versteeg



Tara Sorensen

JV/Fresh.
Volleyball

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Runnin' to State

SCOREBOARD

BOYS

	Team	Top Runner
SE Polk Inv.	3rd	Ryan Terlouw
Pella Inv.	1st	Terlouw
Grinnell Inv.	1st	Terlouw
Lake Fisher Inv.	1st	Gary Pothoven
South Tama Inv.	1st	Terlouw
Newton Inv.	5th	Terlouw
Knoxville Inv.	2nd	Terlouw
Centerville Inv.	1st	Terlouw
Little Hawkeye Conf.	2nd	Terlouw
Chariton Inv.	1st	Terlouw
Districts	2nd	Terlouw
State	13th	Terlouw

GIRLS

SE Polk Inv.	1st	Tera Behning
Pella Inv.	1st	Behning
Grinnell Inv.	2nd	Behning
Lake Fisher Inv.	1st	Sunny Visser
South Tama Inv.	1st	Behning
Newton Inv.	2nd	Behning
Knoxville Inv.	1st	Amber Breuklander
Centerville Inv.	2nd	Behning
Little Hawkeye Conf.	1st	Behning
Chariton Inv.	1st	Mary Hiemstra
Districts	3rd	Behning
State	13th	Behning



GIRLS' CROSS COUNTRY. Ashley Sponsler, Mandy Vink, Megan De Wild, Sunny Visser. ROW 2: Mary Hiemstra. ROW 3: Saretta Tillaand, Amber Breuklander, Tera Behning, Sophie Linn.

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My favorite memory from cross country was the water balloon fights between the teams. They were fun, but we got in trouble.

Freshman Casey Flanagan

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“Just relax, have fun and run like the dickens!” is the advice that Coach **Arvin Bandstra** gave to the state cross country members before their Oct. 27 meet in Fort Dodge.

“Going to State was the bomb. We had a great time at the hotel and talking to certain Tipton team members was cool, until our girls showed up,” said senior **Michael Schreuder**.

One of the loudest supporters for the team was sophomore **Adam Chenoweth** who caught the attention of other teams by somersaulting down a hill and running around and yelling.

Senior **Mandy Vink** enjoyed the experience of the state competition. “It was a lot of fun. Even though it was cold, we tried to do our best and enjoy ourselves.”

Freshman **Amber Breuklander** also felt the weather was harsh. “State was really cold, but it was a lot of fun even though we didn’t run as well as Mr. Bandstra thought we should have. Also, the huge crowds there made me nervous,” said **Breuklander**, who was participating in her first state meet.

Freshman **Izaak Holt** also had a word about all the spectators.

“It was cool running through the crowds of people.”

Both teams finished in 13th place.

HONORS

Cross country teams members earned all-conference honors by finishing in the Top 15 at the Little Hawkeye Conference meet. Those honored were:

Boys:

Ryan Terlouw
Gary Pothoven
Carson Egglund
Bryan George
Izaak Holt

Girls:

Tera Behning
Amber Breuklander
Mary Hiemstra
Ashley Sponsler
Sunny Visser



BOYS' CROSS COUNTRY. Ryan Terlouw, Michael Schreuder, Adam Chenoweth, Gary Pothoven, Chris Orr, Izaak Holt, Matt Schnell, Dan George. ROW 2: Coach Arvin Bandstra, Mark Braun, Bryan George, Jesse Linn, Carson Egglund, Paul Davidson, Casey Flanagan, Dan Hunt, Dan De Haan.



Ryan Terlouw



Ashley Sponsler



State CC runners



Jesse Linn, Bryan George



Gary Pothoven, Carson Egglund, Ryan Terlouw



Ryan Kiburz

DRILLTEAM



FORTE: Nina Nuñez, Cecilia Nuñez. ROW 2: Bailey Klyn, Casey Wineland, Annie Carlson. ROW 3: Jessica Post, Alicia Broach, Kalen Eastwood, Emily Filer. ROW 4: Ashley Braun, Jessica Grier, Jawnica Vaverka, Anne Terlouw, Megan Laughlin. ROW 5: Lindsay Graham, Laura Reicks, Ashley Sponsler, Sarah Vandevoort, Gretchen King. ROW 6: Tiffany Pol, Jessica Dingeman, Emily Lubberden, Stacey Hoopes. ROW 7: Shannon Steenhoek.

State:

Pom, 2nd

Prop, 2nd

Military, 2nd

MA Regionals:

Pom, Superior, Best of Category

Prop, Superior, Best of Category

Military, Superior, Best of Category

Kick, Superior, Best of Category

Officers, Superior

Choreography, Best of Category

Super Sweepstakes, Top 10 of 70; Winner's

Circle; finished third overall

State Girls' Basketball

Forté performed at the halftime show of the Girls' 4A State Basketball game.

Jawnica Vaverka, Laura Reicks, Emily Lubberden and Casey Wineland were chosen for the all-Iowa drill team.

DANCE

Some days you gotta ...

Forté danced to second place in all categories - pom, prop, and military - at state, placing high for the second year in a row.

It wasn't easy beating the competition.

"It was hard to get to the level that we were taking because three routines proved to be difficult; but, on the floor, we were focused and out for blood. It really paid off when we beat Sioux City West," said Captain senior **Emily Lubberden**.

Coach **Nickolet Pohorsky** said the girls did an excellent job.

"It was an extremely pressureful day, and I believe they performed to the best of their abilities," said **Pohorsky**.

From the sidelines, senior **Alisa Van Zante** observed, "The music and choreography inspired me to want to dance, and seeing the other drill teams proved that our team has superior skills."

Senior **Shannon Braafhart** added, "Being there and watching them perform made you feel like you were a part of the team."



Senior **Laura Reicks** hits a move during the pom routine. **Reicks** said, "Drill team this year has been really fun because our team is really close."



Jessica Post



Annie Carlson



Casey Wineland



Shannon Steenhoek,
Kalen Eastwood



Casey
Wineland



Nina Nuñez

Forté

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BASKETBALL

VARSITY



VARSITY BASKETBALL. Beau Browne, Vance Schuring, Luke Ballenger, Colin Waits, Chris Hegwood, Tyler Beerends. BACK: Nick Mulder, Klayton Korver, Lance Roorda, Matt Sprecker, Pierce Hibma, Randy Ozinga.

SCOREBOARD

Us	Opponent	Them
73	Nevada	51
64	Oskaloosa	47
89	Albia	56
78	Ottumwa	71
62	Knoxville	40
55	Pella Christian	64
71	Norwalk	53
72	Boone	40
53	Grinnell	56
61	Waukee	65
73	Keokuk	60
80	Norwalk	46
77	PCM	47
93	Mount Pleasant	71
78	Washington	66
67	Pella Christian	68
77	Knoxville	64
74	Oskaloosa	64
59	Boone	57
65	Grinnell	63
81	Waukee	57
71	Norwalk	53
64	Pella Christian	65
Districts		
72	Clarke of Osceola	48
Regional		
79	Knoxville	76
Substate		
52	Waukee	50
State		
88	Centerville	53
58	Sioux City-Heelan	64
70	Harlan	65 - 3rd

Honors

IHSAA All Tournament Team
Pierce Hibma
 Third Team Des Moines Register All State
Matt Sprecker
 IBCA All District Team
Hibma, Sprecker
 First Team All Little Hawkeye
Hibma, Sprecker
 Second Team All Little Hawkeye
Klayton Korver
 LHC All Academic Team
Luke Ballenger, Hibma, Korver, Ashley Postma, Vance Schuring, Brian Steenhoek
 Honorable Mention All Little Hawkeye
Ballenger, Beau Browne
 All Marion County Team
Hibma, Korver, Sprecker
 LHC Senior Scholar Award
Colin Waits
 Chairmen of the Boards Award
Sprecker
 Nomination for IBCA/Goalsetter Game
Sprecker
 Nomination for the IHSAA/ Iowa Bankers Association Student Athlete Achievers Award
Waits
 Most Inspirational Player
Browne
 Most Valuable Offensive Player
Hibma
 Most Valuable Defensive Player
Schuring
 Team Captains for 2001-2002
Hibma, Lance Roorda
 Best Practice Player/ Off The Bench Award
Waits
 Teamwork Award For Most Assists
Browne



► Playing Centerville at state, sophomore **Pierce Hibma** leaps to get the ball for the Dutch. Pella won 88-53. "It was incredible. Playing at state was a great thrill, and getting the third was even better. Looking back at the season, I am satisfied with the results. I am also very happy with the team," said **Hibma**.

Boys'
Basketball

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Chris Hegwood



Kevin Van Dyke



Nick Mulder



Klayton Korver



Vance Schuring



Beau Browne



JUNIOR VARSITY. Jeff Dole, Kevin Van Dyke, Aaron Bloodsworth, Scott Ewell, Micah Kraayenbrink, Jimmy Dingeman, Brandon Morgan, Tyler Cowman, Lucas Waits, Billy Fox.

SCOREBOARD

Us	Opponent	Them
72	Washington	70
63	PCM	61
73	Albia	41
58	Oskaloosa	50
58	Grinnell	55
60	Ottumwa	52
64	Nevada	54
64	Mount Pleasant	78
57	Waukee	65
41	Norwalk	54
63	Keokuk	75
56	Knoxville	66
37	Knoxville	59
56	Oskaloosa	59
37	Albia	51
59	Pella Christian	62
40	Norwalk	62

*"I can't stop smiling.
This is the greatest event
in my life so far."*

Senior Matt Sprecker
(regarding the boys' basketball
team making it to state)



Matt Sprecker



Lance Roorda



Colin Waits



Jeff Dole



Billy Fox



Mark Van Roekel, Brad Roose

9th SCOREBOARD

Us	Opponent	Them
45	Knoxville	43
62	Oskaloosa (A)	80
33	Oskaloosa (B)	45
50	Pella Christian	58
82	Centerville	62
53	Ottumwa	75
26	Southeast Polk (A)	47
41	Southeast Polk (B)	49
53	Norwalk	47
48	Waukee (A)	56
58	Waukee (B)	61
37	Grinnell (A)	63
45	Grinnell (B)	43
58	Centerville	51
73	Albia	45
59	Oskaloosa	58
59	Knoxville	68
31	Pella Christian	55
67	Norwalk	51

Varsity boys finish third at State

The varsity boys finished a 22-5 season by placing third at state.

"I felt that the season overall was fabulous," Coach **Mark Core** said.

The team played Centerville in the first round at state. Pella won, 88-53. The win advanced them to a semi-final game against Sioux City Heelan, which the Dutch lost 64-58. This put them in the third place game against Harlan, which the Dutch won, 70-65.

The JV ended 7-10.

"We had a good season, and everyone really stepped up and played an important role," sophomore **Tyler Cowman** said.

The freshman finished 8-11.

"I enjoyed playing at the high school level, and I think our team really grew together through the season," freshman **Michael Langenfeld** said.

FRESHMEN. Joe Santiago, Jacob Vaverka, Jon Vermeer, Michael Langenfeld, Alex Schuring, Dustin Browne. ROW 2: Tyler Boeyink, Seamus Turnbull, Matt Goodyk, Brady Van Vark, Nick Hartson, Todd Schuring. ROW 3: Matt Snyder, Jason Pfadenhauer, Taylor Brummel, Jon Erickson, Josh Smith.



Boys'
Basketball

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BASKETBALL

V A R S I T Y



VARSITY/JV BASKETBALL. Molly Vermeer, Holly Edwards, Kelli Marlow, Ashley Bogaards, Michelle Van Vark. ROW 2: Amanda Chapman, Lindsey Korver, Heather Kraaynbrink, Tremaine Versteeg, Billi Ellingson, Kayla Kafka. ROW 3: Jena Marlow, Tracy Marlow, Julie Rietema, Katelyn De Penning, Tara Sorensen.

SCOREBOARD

Us	Opponent	Them
62	Clarke	22
68	Seymour @ Clarke	21
56	Oskaloosa	41
29	Washington	54
49	Boone	47
53	Indianola	47
44	Pella Christian	41
46	Norwalk	31
38	Waukee	21
36	Mt. Pleasant	33
57	Grinnell	39
45	Boone	51
57	Knoxville	38
49	Oskaloosa	44
49	Knoxville	31
34	Washington	49
42	Pella Christian	33
55	Grinnell	53
56	Keokuk	53
54	Waukee	31
45	Norwalk	34
Districts		
52	Albia	27
51	Knoxville	27
Regional		
38	Waukee	31
State		
43	Davenport Assumption	49
Record: 21-4		

Varsity girls qualify for state

The varsity girls finished a spectacular regular season and qualified for state. Although they lost their first game state, they ended the season with a record of 21-4.

"Our team improved during the season and reached more of our goals. It was an interesting team because all of the players were from all four classes, and they made it work," said Coach **Mike Vint**.

The junior varsity team finished their season only playing 10 games. The team finished their spectacular season with a record of 10-0.

The freshmen team finished their season playing 10 games. Their biggest win came when they defeated Norway 71-18. They ended the season with a 13-1 record.

"The freshman team made some huge strides since the beginning of the season. All eighteen of us learned valuable lessons on cooperation and teamwork. Even during the low points of the season, when a lot of us were sick with mononucleosis, we pulled together and were very successful," said freshman **Alison Corbett**.

Honors

Senior Ashley Bogaards

Second Team All-State Coach,
Second Team All-State *Des Moines Register*, First Team All-Conference (unanimous),
All-Marion County, Most Valuable Player

Senior Holly Edwards

Second Team All-Conference

Senior Michelle Van Vark

Coaches Award

Junior Julie Rietema

Second Team All-Conference, All-Marion County,
Most Improved

Freshman Tara Sorensen

Defensive Award

Senior Kelli Marlow

Honorable Mention All-Conference.



☛ Freshman **Tara Sorensen** tries to block the shot during the state game against Davenport Assumption.



Julie Rietema



Nina, Cecilia Nunez



Holly Edwards



Tracy Marlow



Ashley Bogaards



Molly Vermeer

“The highlight of my season was beating Wauke and knowing that we qualified for state after working so hard for it.”

Senior
Ashley Bogaards



Sophomore **Heather Kraaybrink** tries to make an offensive move towards the basket. “The game was interesting because we were trying to save people for the game the next day. This year was fun being able to play JV as well because we got to play together with the team we grew up playing with,” said **Kraaybrink** who played varsity and JV.



◀ Freshmen **Lara Van Wyk** tries to make a pass toward the basket during the game against Albia. “I was trying to concentrate on getting the play done right,” said **Van Wyk**. “It was a hard game, and I’m glad we won that one because we deserved it.” The freshmen won both games against the Blue Demons.

SCOREBOARD

Us	Opponent	Them
51	Pella Christian	18
75	Knoxville	23
51	Oskaloosa	27
41	Washington	34
59	Albia	21
47	Indianola	28
43	Albia	31
38	Washington	31
47	Keokuk	30
59	Knoxville	35

Record: 10-0

FRESHMEN



FRESHMEN BASKETBALL Kelly Hudson, Lyndsay Van Maaren, Blair Verhoef, Chelsea Freese, Emily Bensink. ROW 2: Whitney Metcalf, Lara Van Wyk, Jordy Bloodsworth, Angela LoThi, Chris Buitenwerf. ROW 3: Danielle Brillhart, Alison Corbett, Kristin Van Zee, Lindsey VanderWert, Katie VanVark.

SCOREBOARD

Us	Opponent	Them
41	Knoxville	33
59	Albia	29
28	Dowling	32
59	Centerville	24
45	Pella Christian	27
58	Oskaloosa	26
71	Norwalk	18
49	Grinnell	41
50	Centerville	26
46	Albia	20
48	Oskaloosa	26
50	Knoxville	40
56	Pella Christian	31
62	Norwalk	18
	Pella “B”	
43	Grinnell “B”	36
34	Oskaloosa “B”	30

Record: 13-1

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“The highlight of my basketball year was getting to play all my friends from different towns, and scoring over them. It was fun showing what I can do to everyone. It was also fun playing with the upperclassmen. I learned a lot playing with them.”

Freshman Kristin Van Zee”



Holly Edwards



Julie Rietema



Ashley Bogaards



Lori Sopher,
Kristin Wares, Kayla Kafka



Kelli Marlow



Tara Sorenson

JV/Fresh.
Girls' BB

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WRESTLING

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Norwalk	9-60
Jefferson-Scranton	27-42
ADM	18-51
Boone	9-64
Knoxville	61-13
Centerville	24-55
Grinnell	24-42
DesMoines-Lincoln	12-67
Norwalk	19-52
Williamsburg	2nd place
Newton	15-63
Owatonna, MN	14-58
Oskaloosa	18-57
Waukee	45-23
Oskaloosa Invite	5th place
Conference	5th place
Sectionals	2nd place
Overall record	2-11



WRESTLING. Nathan Van Kampen, Cory Fischer, Drew Wilson, Matt Lahvic, Brian Melhus, David Vannoy, Joe Burch, Justin Caldwell, Manager Carrie Hibbard. ROW 2: Manager Allison Emerick, Brad McNabb, D.J. Henle, Chris Durham, Andy Hawkins, Ray J. Lovell, Jon Miller, Zach Van Wyk, Adam Larson, Manager Megan Mc Conville. ROW 3: Manager Andrea Brobst, Coach Wyatt Frohling, Adam Roorda, Matt Larson, Adam Frohling, Andrew Van Wyk, Keith Jones, Nick Brooks, Zach Van Horn, John Cogley, Matt Thomas, Assistant Coach Chris Laughlin, Manager Sherri Laughlin.

“The best part about the season was when all the wrestlers ganged up on the coaches and pinned them to the ground and beat on them!”

Senior Nick Brooks

Brooks take first in LHC meet

Both the varsity and the junior varsity wrestling squads got off to a slow start at the beginning of this year but ended up improving. Though the season was not full of wins, the team had a great time being together.

Others did enjoy individual wins.

“My favorite match was at Williamsburg against a junior. I pinned him in 45 seconds,” said sophomore **Russell Hoksbergen**.

Some of the wrestlers disliked the conditioning necessary for the sport.

Freshman **Drew Wilson** said, “We had to run laps around the hallways in practice. It was pretty boring.”

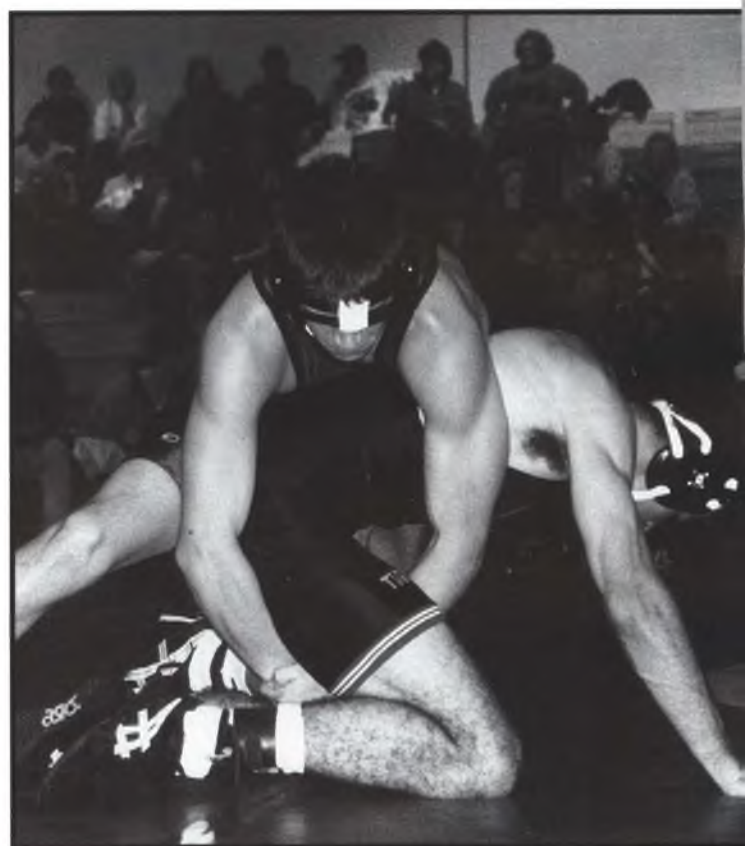
The team spent a lot of time together training for the season, competing, and relaxing after meets.

“Our team was able to pull together, and the result was a fun season for everyone,” said freshman **Brian Melhus**.

Along with team bonding came disappointment as no team members made it to state.

“We wrestled well throughout the season this year, but we didn’t do as well as we should have at districts,” said senior **Nick Brooks**.

However, four wrestlers did compete well in the Little Hawkeye Conference meet in Oskaloosa, including sophomore **Zach Van Horn**, sophomore **Zach Van Wyk**, senior **Keith Jones**, and **Brooks**. **Brooks** was conference champion while **Van Wyk** placed second. **Van Horn** and **Jones** were both third. The team overall placed fifth in the conference meet.



Trying to turn his opponent around to get a take-down for his team is sophomore **Zach Van Horn**. “I think that our wrestling season went fairly well overall. We didn’t win many meets as we would have liked, but we all improved a lot by the end of the season,” said **Van Horn**.

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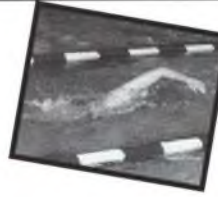
Keith Jones



NCMP swimmers



Adam Larson



Jon Landon



Andrew Van Wyk



David Vannoy

SWIMMING

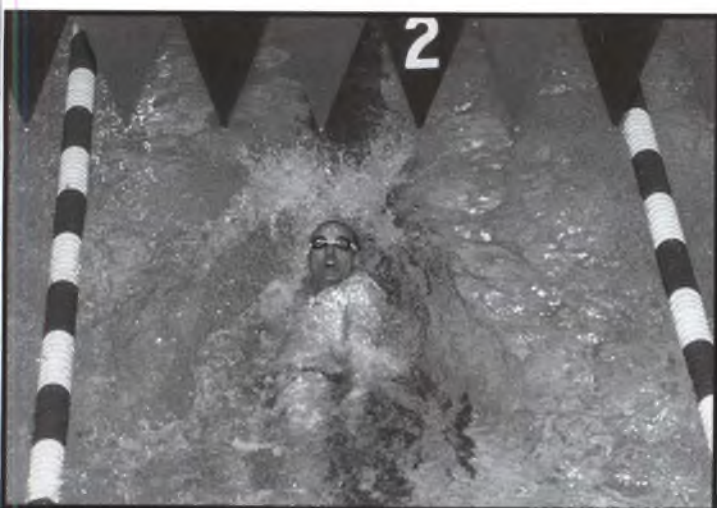
GIRLS



SWIMMING (Pella members of the Newton-Colfax-Mingo-Pella team). **Bethany Elliott, Cricket Vanden Berg, Nicole Schuring.** **ROW 2: Rebecca Elliott, Sara Hedrick, Kara Ruthven, Emily Bensink, Amanda Wetter.**

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Urbandale	L
Indianola/Grinell	2nd
Ankeny	L
Des Moines North	W
West Des Moines Valley	6th
Mason City	L
SE Polk	W
Marshalltown	L
West Des Moines Valley	L
Ames	W
State: Emily Bensink , 50 freestyle, 100 freestyle	



Competing at a swim meet, sophomore **Nicole Beyer** said, "This year was hard knowing it was the last year with the seniors, especially my cousin (senior Kara Ruthven); it'll be hard to see her on the sidelines, instead of in a swimsuit next to me."



Emily Bensink



Justin Caldwell



Nicole Beyer, Kara Ruthven



Nick Brooks



Adam Frohling



Girls' Swimming Members

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Des Moines North	W
Burlington	W
Des Moines Lincoln	W
Des Moines East	W
Urbandale (tourney)	W
CIML	W
Districts	W

Landon named All-American; Bensink chosen as team MVP

Despite the commute, both the girls' and boys' swim teams had very successful seasons. The girls combined with Newton, Colfax-Mingo, and Pella Christian, composing the NCMP team that trains in Newton. The boys collaborated with Ottumwa to form their team.

The girls' team did better than they expected.

"Our team did really well. Two relays went to state. We beat a lot of teams that we didn't think we would," said senior **Kara Ruthven**.

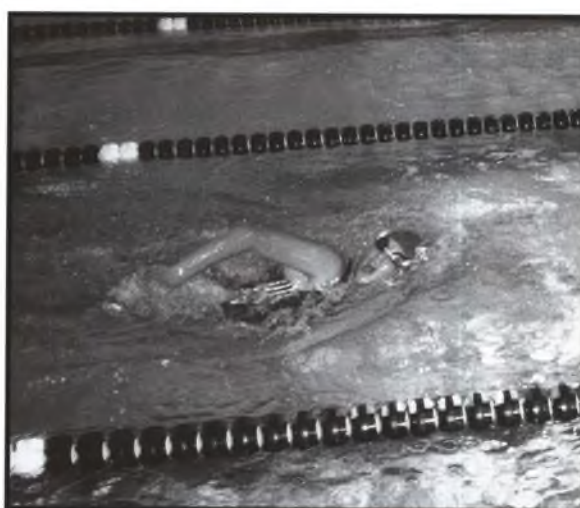
A highlight for the team was when freshman **Emily Bensink** received second place in the 50-meter and 100-meter freestyle to advance to state.

"Going to state was really cool. The season was great, we had a lot of fun, and I liked practicing with my teammates," said **Bensink**. **Bensink** was named MVP of the team.

The girls' record ended 3-5.

Brothers **Jon** and **Chris Landon** were the only male swimmers from Pella. The boys' team had posted a 5-0 record. The **Landons** both made it to state - **Jon** as a member of the 200-free relay and the 400-free relay and in the 50-freestyle and 100-freestyle. **Chris** was an alternate for the Ottumwa team.

As a result of the 200-free relay finishing third, they received automatic All-American recognition. The 400-free relay was fifth. He finished 22nd in the 50-freestyle and 15th in the 100.



Junior **Jon Landon** was honored as an All-American swimmer this season. Landon placed 22nd in the 50-freestyle and 15th in the 100-freestyle.

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CHEERLEADING

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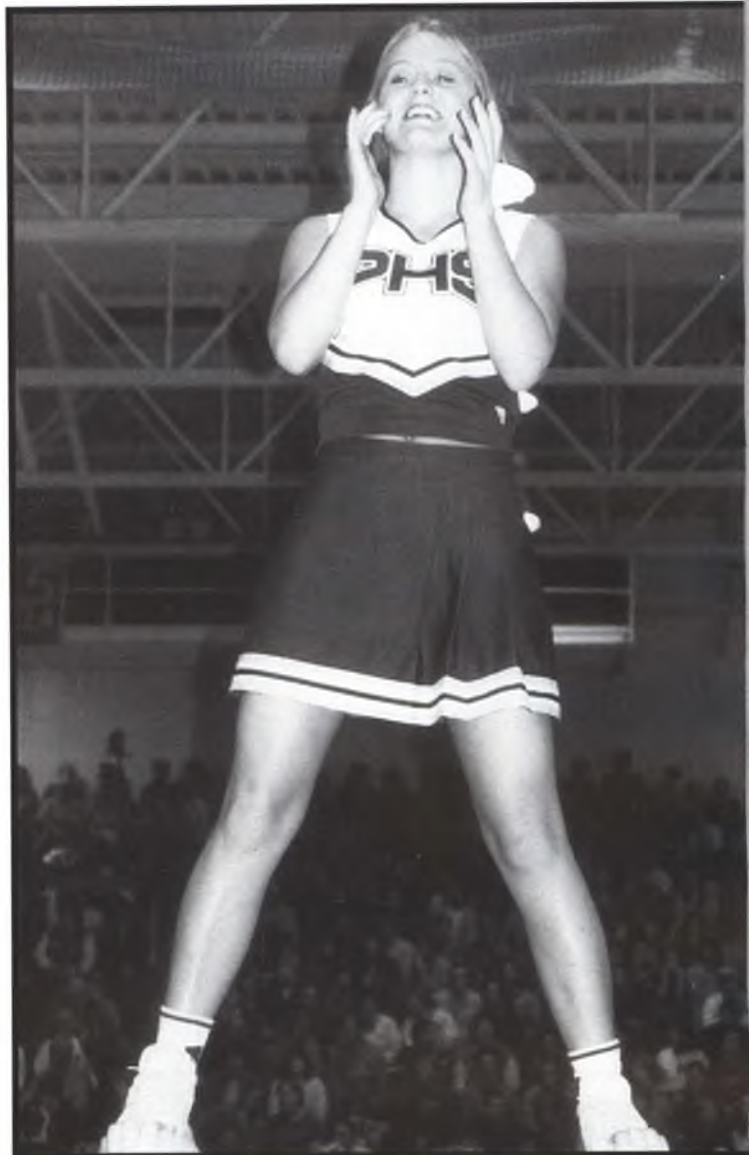


FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS. Cecilia Nuñez, Bailey Klyn, Nina Nuñez. ROW 2: Megan McCombs, Léa McIntosh, April Rus. ROW 3: Kelly Eysink, Megan Laughlin, Kate Sloan, Julia Wilson. ROW 4: Ashley Westman, Lindsay McFarland, Abby Van Dusseldorp.



BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS. Cecilia Nuñez, Nina Nuñez. ROW 2: Maria Vos, Anne Jacobson, Randa VanRheenen. ROW 3: Megan McCombs, Lindsay McFarland, Léa McIntosh, Kate Sloan, Kelly Eysink.

“The cheerleading season was an exciting one for me. It had its ups and downs, but it was fun. The wrestling meets were something to look forward to.
Sophomore **Jocelyn Davis**”



Senior **Randa Van Rheenen** cheers loudly for the boy's basketball team as they play Pella Christian at Central College. **Van Rheenen** was a cheerleader for two years.



WRESTLING CHEERLEADERS. Bailey Klyn, April Rus. Back: Jocelyn Davis, Julia Wilson.

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Nina, Cecilia Nuñez



Jocelyn Davis, Julia Wilson



Kate Sloan



Basketball Cheerleaders



Lindsay McFarland



Léa McIntosh, Megan McCombs

GOLF

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Knoxville, Albia, Chariton	2nd
Grinnell	1st
South Tama, Lynnville Sully	1st
Oskaloosa	1st
Knoxville, Chariton	2nd
Waukee	1st
Little Hawkeye Conference	2nd
Norwalk, Centerville	1st
Chariton Invitational	2nd
Sectionals	2nd
Pella Christian Invitational	2nd
Districts	1st
State	1st
All-Conference: Brad Roose, Todd Dickinson	



GIRLS' GOLF. Amy Laug, Heather Vande Lune, Amy Van Hall, Lindsay McFarland. ROW 2: Katelyn De Penning, Sharilyne Hoekstra, Elizabeth Summitt. ROW 3: Julia Nurse, Ashley Gritters, Shannon Braafhart, Amy Riherd, Jenn Freeman. ROW 4: Emily Bensink, Laura Reicks, Randa Van Rheenen, Hillary Recker.



BOYS' GOLF. Nathan Kroese, Trent Sikkema, David Bogaard, Jon Vermeer, Jasen Dahm. ROW 2: Jimmy Dingeman, Brandon Olsen, Zach Brummel, Tyler Roose, Joe Knight, Kyle Simpson. ROW 3: Coach Gifford Graham, Brandon Morgan, Adam Larson, Stuart Steenhoek, Brad Roose Todd Dickinson, Ryan Redman.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Chariton, Knoxville	1st
Pella Christian, Lynnville-Sully	1st
Albia, Pella Christian	1st
Boone	1st
Plesantville, Albia	1st
Centerville, Oskaloosa	1st
Oskaloosa Tournament	1st
Grinnell	2nd
Centerville, Pella Chrstian (JV)	1st
Waukee	1st
Little Hawkeye Conference	2nd
Norwalk, Albia	1st
Redette Invitational (Centerville)	1st
South Tama	1st
Districts	1st
Regionals	2nd
All-Conference: Laura Reicks, Randa Van Rheenen, Jenn Freeman, Hillary Recker, Emily Bensink.	

"The state golf meet was a great experience. I don't think anyone expected us to win. As a team, we were just hoping to get in the top five. Hopefully, we can repeat our performance next year to prove it wasn't a fluke."

Sophomore **Stuart Steenhoek**



Nathan Kroese



Sharilyne Hoekstra



Hillary Recker



Jasen Dahm



Kyle Simpson



Ashley Gritters

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TRACK

BOYS



BOYS' TRACK. Casey Flanagan, Chris Wills, Chris Orr, Josh Jaarsma, Matt Klassen, Jon Landon, Danny Wichhart, Andrew Lundgren. ROW 2: Kevin Ulmer, Gary Pothoven, Russell Hoksbergen, Brad Chamra, David Van Wyk, Cory VandeKieft, Matt Pitkin, Jordan VanKampen, Jacob Vaverka. ROW 3: Vance Schuring, Tyler Beerends, Henry Wang, Ben Bollard, Ryan Terlouw, Sergio Navarro, Jesse Linn, Jon Erickson, Matt Santiago. ROW 5: Mike Salz, Sam Reicks, Carson Eggland, Paul Davidson, Pierce Hibma, Matt DeVries, Bret Schuring, Aaron Bonnema, Nick Brooks.

BOYS' SCOREBOARD

Site	Score
A Club Relays	2nd
Pella/PC/Oskey	1st
Panther Relays	4th
Brooklyn Invitational	2nd
Oskey Relays	4th
Rocket Relays	3rd
Little Dutch Intitational	4th
Tiger Relays	4th
Little Hawkeye Conf.	2nd
Overall Record: 1-1st, 3-2nds, 1-3rd, 4-4ths	

Competing at State ...

Girls: Long Jump, Tracy Marlow, 1st; Long Jump, Kelli Marlow, 9th; 100-Meter Dash, T. Marlow, 3rd; 800-Meter Run, Mary Hiemstra 21st; 1500-Meter Run, Tera Behning, 22nd; Discus, Julie Rietema, 7th; Shot Put, Jennie Bandstra, 7th; Shot Put, Rietema, 14th; 4 x 200 Relay (T. Marlow, K. Marlow, J. Marlow, Ashley Bogaards), 3rd; 4 x 100 Relay (T. Marlow, K. Marlow, Chelsea Freese, Lyndsay Van Maaren), 3rd; 4 x 800 Relay (Behning, Hiemstra, Beth Jones, Nicole Beyer), 19th; Distance Medley Relay (Tera Sorenson, Bogaards, Freese, Behning), 22nd; Shuttle Hurdle Relay (Sorenson, Katie Kniff Suzanne Corum, Sarah Way), 11th.
Boys: 100-Meter Dash, David Van Wyk, 6th; 200-Meter Dash, Jon Landon, 7th; 1600-Meter Relay (Landon, Van Wyk, Bret Schuring, Gary Pothoven), 7th; 4 x 100 Relay (Josh Jaarsma, Jon Erickson, Brad Chamra, Tyler Beerends); 4 x 200 Relay (Chamra, Beerends, Landon, Van Wyk); 4 x 800 Relay (Jesse Linn, Schuring, Ben Bollard, Pothoven); 1600-meter run, Schuring, 10th; 1600-meter run, Terlouw; 800-meter run, Pothoven.



☛ Sophomore **Ryan Terlouw** heads to the finish line in the 1600-meter run. Terlouw's best time this season in that event was 4:34.28.



☛ Junior **Suzanne Corum** finishes the third leg of the shuttle hurdle relay. **Corum** qualified for state as a member of the relay team. "I was really excited to make it to state this year. I hope that I can be just a successful next year," said Corum.

GIRLS' TRACK. Carrie Hibbard, Lacy Moffet, Kelli Marlow, Ryan Kiburz, Jennie Bandstra, Ashley Bogaards. ROW 2: Saretta Tillmaand, Tara Sorensen, Tera Behning, Tracy Marlow, Jena Marlow, Amber Breuklander, Jenny Veenstra, Katie Kniff, Nicole Beyer, Sarah Way. ROW 3: Chelsea Freese, Lyndsay Van Maaren, Mary Hiemstra, Julie Rietema, Kristin Van Zee, Beth Jones, Katie VanVark, Blair Verhoef, Suzanne Corum.



GIRLS' SCOREBOARD

Site	Score
Lady Dutch Invitational	1st
South Tama Invitational	2nd
Oskey Invitational	1st
Grinnell Relays	2nd
Tulip Time Relays	2nd
Bondurant Invitational	1st
Pantherette Relays	1st
Districts	1st
Little Hawkeye Conf. 2nd State	4th (tie)
Overall Record: 7-1sts, 5-2nds, 1-4th	

GIRLS

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Vance Schuring



Paul Davidson



Ben Bollard



Tracy Marlow, Jena Marlow



Mary Hiemstra



Sarah Way

TENNIS



BOYS' TENNIS. Kyle Eastwood, Matt Snyder, Dan George, Brian Steenhoek, Bryan George, Matt Vandevoort, Richard Spierenburg, Mike VanDusseldorp, Michael Trotter. ROW 2: Coach Rod Braun, Chris Landon, Kenneth Ryerson, Joe Cerwinski, Mark Braun, Adam Chenoweth, Alex Ung, Aaron Pigula.

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"We had a great regular season and were hoping that we would do just as well at districts. All in all, we had a great season, and I'm looking forward to next season."

Junior Brian Steenhoek

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SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Pella Christian	8-3
Knoxville Invitational	3rd
Boone	1-10
Oskaloosa	9-2
Maharishi	1-10
Grinnell	7-4
Knoxville	0-11
Centerville	8-1
Newton	2-9
Norwalk	0-11
Little Hawkeye Conf.	4th
North Polk	10-1
Districts	4th
Record: 6-5 in duals, 1 - 3rd, 2 - 4ths in tournaments	

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Knoxville	11-0
Pella Christian	5-6
Indianola Invite	3rd
Boone	2-9
Oskaloosa	2-9
Knoxville Invite	1st
Grinnell	7-4
Pella Invite	3rd
Norwalk	4-7
Albia	6-3
Little Hawkeye Conference	6th

Record: 3-4



☛ Freshman **Becky Steenhoek** sizes up in front of the ball for a hit across the net. "The best thing to happen this season was meeting new people and building friendships with the upper-classmen. I really enjoyed playing this season," said Steenhoek.

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"The season was a growing experience for our team. We had many close matches as our conference is very competitive. Overall, we've done well and have had a lot of fun."

Senior Michelle Van Vark

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GIRLS' TENNIS. Catie Beck, Michelle Van Vark, Sarah Gilpin, Amber Seekamp. ROW 2: Becky Steenhoek, Jessica Grier, Katie Ross, Sarah VanderHart, Lindsey Graham, Ashley Braun, Brittany McCulla. ROW 3: Serena Alboni, Coach Margene Van Horn, Sarah Vos, Katie Collins, Michelle Dykstra, Nicole Verhey, Aleisha Brummel, Mary Melnikova, Hannah Smith, Savannah Veenstra, Cricket Vandenberg, Amanda Vander Hart, Lisa Phiv, Assistant Coach Kristy De Jong, Lindsey Kiefaber.



Adam Chenoweth



Matt Vandevoort



Joe Cerwinski



Michelle Van Vark



Katie Ross



Jessica Grier

Track
Tennis

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SOCCER

VARSITY



GIRLS' SOCCER. Lisa Yang, Carrie Hibbard, Katie Van Dusseldorp, Andrea Brobst, Courtney Fleenor, Lauren Birkel, Sarah Van Wyk, Lacey Beyer. ROW 2: Tremaine Versteeg, Amanda Sietstra, Erica Knoll, Morgan Kelly, Serena Alboni, Sarah Way, Jocelyn Davis, Erin Sokol, Alexis Baugh, Ashley Orr, Alisa Van Zante. ROW 3: Manager Jessica Dingeman, Loni May, Katelyn De Penning, Melinda Davids, Lindsay Blair, Lara Van Wyk, Alicia Heersink, Allison Emerick, Monica Davids, Manager Charli Fontana, Head Coach Mary Carnell.

Carnell assumes head coaching duties

As the Lady Dutch began their new season, they knew it would be one full of challenges. Under the direction of new head coach, **Mary Carnell**, the Lady Dutch now had twice the number of girls on the team as opposed to the past.

The season began strong with a 9-0 victory over Grinnell, but they suffered their first defeat one week later against Colo-Nesco, 3-1. As the season continued, the Lady Dutch took on Norwalk and after a double overtime and a shoot out, the Dutch came out on top with a 1-0 victory. Goalkeeper, sophomore **Tremaine Versteeg**, had 24 shots saved for the game.

"This year we have a lot of different levels of players. I think we have done a good job of working together to be the best we can be. We have really improved from previous seasons, and the next year should be great!" said **Versteeg**.

As the season continued, the Lady Dutch traveled to Bondurant for the Bondurant-Farrar Tournament. They defeated Northern University High, 3-2, advancing to the championship game against Bondurant. It was the first time in the five-year school history of soccer that the Lady Dutch had advanced to a championship game. They fell short, 2-1.

Continuing the regular season games with the defeats of Knoxville and first year team Pella Christian, helped build the Lady Dutch for their regional play. Defeating Grinnell in the first round of regionals took them to Iowa City to face Iowa City West. Playing through the hot weather conditions and the loss of players to summer vacations, the team played a hard game but fell short in a hard defeat. Losing by the largest margin they had all season (10-0), the Lady Dutch finished their season with an 11-7 record.

Sophomore **Morgan Kelly** said, "I think getting **Mary Carnell** as a head coach really brought us together as a team. This is the best we've ever done, and we can only get better from here."

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Grinnell	9-0
Colo-Nesco	1-3
Norwalk	1-0 Shoot Out
Nevada	0-1
Carlisle	3-1
Chariton (JV)	13-1
Winterset	8-0
Waukee	1-3
Hoover	0-2
ADM	4-1
Bondurant Tournament	
Northern University High	3-2
Bondurant	1-2
Chariton	6-0
Dallas Center-Grimes	0-3
Pella Christian	3-0
Knoxville	7-1
<u>Regionals:</u>	
Grinnell	7-0
Iowa City West	0-10
Overall Record:	11-7

Honors

First team all-conference: Juniors **Katie Van Dusseldorp**, **Sarah Way**; sophomores **Morgan Kelly**, and **Tremaine Versteeg**; Second team all-conference: sophomore **Katelyn DePenning**; Honorable Mention: senior **Amanda Sietstra**, freshman **Lauren Birkel**.



☛With determination, junior **Sarah Way** smacks the ball as the Lady Dutch took on the Knoxville Panthers May 29. **Way** said, "Soccer has been really enjoyable this year due to our new coach, **Mrs. (Mary) Carnell**. We've improved this season and have had tons of fun playing together as a team."



Andrea Brobst



Alicia Heersink



Amanda Sietstra



Sarah Van Wyk



Erica Knoll



Katie Van Dusseldorp



JUNIOR VARSITY. Dan De Haan, Tyler Vander Linden, Brandon Boat, Matt Goodyk, Izaac Holt, Chakong Vue, Tony Chem, Stephen Meyer. ROW 2: Ryan Boswell, Marc Kucinski, Nick Miller, Louis Vander Streek, Cory Fischer, Andy Oldridge, Ben Malsom, Chad de Vries, Matt Redding. ROW 3: Coach Marv VanWyk, Tyler Boeyink, John Nistor, Brady Van Vark, Matt Terlouw, Chris Boeyink, Alan Austin, Brian Melhus.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
South Tama	3-1
Dallas Center Grimes	1-3
Waukee	2-3
Iowa City Regina	4-0
Norwalk	4-2
Nevada	2-2
Grinnell	6-1
Albia	3-0
ADM	6-0
Winterset	3-0
Overall Record:	7-2-1



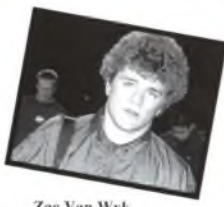
After the reflection of the penalty kick, senior Adam Van Wyk smashes the ball into the net. Van Wyk was the only Pella player to score against Waukee.

"We had a great season, and even though we did not make it to state we still did real well. All of us who are returning next year are looking forward to another great season."

Junior Josh Printz



Andrew Van Wyk



Zac Van Wyk



Josh Printz



Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo



Alex Schuring



Austin Vander Linden

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Dallas Center-Grimes	2-0
Nevada Tournament	
Urbandale	0-7
Nevada	2-1
Chariton	6-0
Waukee	2-1
Bondurant	4-0
Norwalk	2-0
Nevada	1-0
Grinnell	6-0
ADM	3-0
Knoxville	5-1
Winterset	1-0 - Shootout
Substate:	
Carlisle	14-0
Waukee	1-3
Record:	14-1-0 - Class 1A
Overall Record:	15-2-1

Guys fall short of state tourney trip

Practice, determination, and perseverance is what it takes to have success, and the boys' varsity soccer team knew how to put it together. Dominating the field early in the season, the Dutch were faced with one defeat to Urbandale in their regular season.

As the season continued, the Dutch were faced against the number one ranked team in the state, Waukee. They played a hard game and finished with a 2-1 victory, earning them the number one state ranking in class 1-A.

After defeating Carlisle in regionals, they again faced Waukee. Playing a hard game, they were defeated, 3-1.

Recognized as first team all-conference were seniors **Jordan Kologe, Michael Schreuder** and juniors **Josh Printz** and **Randy Ozinga**. Second team all-conference were seniors **Andrew Van Wyk, Adam Van Wyk** and juniors **Scott Mathes**, and **Zac Van Wyk**. Recognized as honorable mention were seniors **Nick Haman, Nick Hatzievgenakis** and junior **Austin VanderLinden**.

VARSITY. Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, Alex Schuring, Zac Van Wyk, Adam Van Wyk, Nick Hatzievgenakis, Matt Melhus, Deke Naaktgeboren, Nick Haman. ROW 2: Scott Mathes, Josh Printz, Chris Boeyink, Chris Shrout, Chip Racheter, Andrew Kinne, Jordan Kologe, Brian Melhus, Bryan Venteicher. ROW 3: Coach Coco Gutierrez, Austin Vander Linden, Andrew Van Wyk, Randy Ozinga, Michael Schreuder, John Nistor, Coach Takis Apostolopoulos.



Soccer

BASEBALL

V A R S I T Y



VARSITY BASEBALL. Steve Pazzi, Ben Van Vark, Brad Chamra, Tony Pierson, Mark Ver Meer, Brad Overbergen. ROW 2: Chad Norris, Josh Ballenger, Chris Hegwood, Colin Waits, Mike Schnoebelen, Brad Waddle. ROW 3: Coach Randy Naakgeboren, Taylor Hibma, Kevin Hetland, Steve Solomon, Josh Cowman, Coach Dave Chenoweth.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Newton	11-8
Roosevelt	4-3
Fairfield	3-13
Chariton	3-9
Pella Christian	6-1, 7-2, 6-5
Centerville	6-14, 11-3, 6-8, 20-6
Grinnell	13-16, 9-2, 10-6
Oskaloosa	0-3, 1-3, 1-2
South Tama	3-5
Boone	1-11, 2-6, 0-2
Colfax-Mingo	17-5
Lynnville-Sully	9-6
Norwalk	4-6, 0-10, 0-10
Knoxville	4-1, 5-15, 10-7
District:	
Grinnell	5-1
South Tama	2-5

Record: 14-17

HONORS

All-Conference: Graduates Chad Norris, Josh Ballenger, 1st team

“Considering the lack of talent we had, I think, overall, the season was very successful. I think the team thoroughly enjoyed it.”

Senior **Tony Pierson** **”**

Two graduates make all-conference

The varsity boys finished with a 14-17 record with two graduates making all - conference. Graduate **Chad Norris** and **Josh Ballenger** made the all conference team. **Ballenger** made first team.

“**Ballenger** was a big surprise to everybody. He had a tremendous success for being out for two years,” **Coach Randy Naakgeboren** said. “**Chad Norris** is probably the best catcher in the conference. He has started for three years in a row.”

The team defeated Grinnell, 5-1, but lost to South Tama in district games.



Senior **Colin Waits** sprints towards third base in a game against Knoxville. “We had a lot of fun and a lot of potential, but it didn’t come together at the end,” **Waits** said. Graduate **Mike Schnoebelen** throws toward home plate against Knoxville.



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Tony Pierson



Josh Cowman



Chad Norris



Jeff Dole



Steve Solomon



Kevin Hetland



JUNIOR VARSITY BASEBALL. Brandyn Van Zante, Deke Naaktgeboren, Brian Steenhoek, Adam Chenoweth. ROW 2: Carson Eggland, Vance Schuring, Scott Mathes, Scott Ewell, Tyler Criss. ROW 3: Nick Mulder, Matt Vandevoort, Klayton Korver, Kevin Van Dyke, Coach Dave Chenoweth.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Newton	7-8
Southeast Polk	8-18, 6-7
Fairfield	2-4
Chariton	3-4
Pella Christian	12-2, 16-15, 8-3, 3-1, 8-2
Grinnell	7-7, 10-4, 2-3
Oskaloosa	1-7
South Tama	8-3
Boone	3-4
Johnston	1-20, 2-8
Norwalk	3-12
Knoxville	5-10

Record: 7-12-1

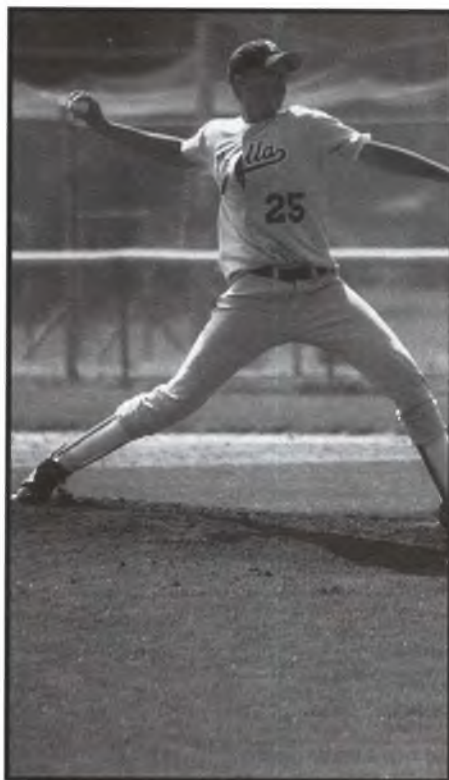


Junior **Deke Naaktgeboren** dives to catch a ball before a game against Grinnell. "We had a blast, but we didn't win very many games. Every time it rained, we had a kick playing stick ball," Naaktgeboren said.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Oskaloosa	5-0, 1-2, 9-4, 3-2
Grinnell	8-9, 14-7, 12-11
Centerville	1-3, 7-5
Knoxville	1-15, 5-7, 10-0, 7-10
Norwalk	7-1, 7-1

Record: 10-4



Sophomore **Klayton Korver** strides and throws a pitch in a game against Knoxville. "Coach De Heus was awesome. We had a great time throughout the year, especially when we played stick ball," said **Korver**.

FRESHMEN. Jeff Dole, Zach Van Horn, Luke Ballenger, Aaron Bloodsworth, Tyler Cowman, Billy Fox, Ben Bollard. ROW 2: Kyle Simpson, Jonathan Carter, Lucas Waits, Joe Knight, Andrew Kinne, Bryan Vander Meiden. ROW 3: D.J. Henle, Ray J. Lovell, Paul Davidson, Adam Whitehead, Coach Chris De Heus.



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Chris Hegwood



Josh Cowman



Chad Norris



Chris Hegwood



Taylor Hibma



Josh Ballenger

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SOFTBALL

V A R S I T Y



VARSITY. Lerin Shepherd, Holly Dorenkamp, Amy Sopher.
ROW 2: Julie Rietema, Julia Nurse, Katie Ross, Kristin Wares. ROW 3: Chelsea Freese, Ryan Kiburz, Holly Edwards, Kelli Marlow, Tara Sorensen, Coach Rhonda Pope.

Varsity ends with 23-14 record

Through the long, hot summer, the softball team beat the heat with more wins than losses and finished 17th in state.

"Even though we had a tough schedule and didn't quite reach our expectations for state, we still had a really great season. We improved a lot and will be even better next year," said junior **Julia Nurse**.

From incoming freshmen to graduated seniors, the team experienced many new things, including getting to know each other and getting along with underclassmen.

The team ended with a winning record and many memories.

"Overall, I thought the season went pretty well. We all have a lot of memories. It was disappointing going out (of the season) the way we did. I thought that the team had a lot of fun together. I really enjoyed my last year of softball," said senior **Lerin Shepherd**.

HONORS

1st Team All-Conference

Julia Nurse
Kristin Wares

2nd Team All-Conference

Holly Edwards
Amy Sopher

Honorable Mention

Holly Dorenkamp
Lerin Shepherd

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Pleasantville Tournament	
Chariton	2-1
I-35	3-1
Carlisle	0-1
Colfax-Mingo	0-2
Centerville	9-0
Grinnell	0-1, 2-7
Oskaloosa	6-8, 0-2
Newton Tournament	
Clarke of Osceola	5-1
Newton	2-1
Southeast Polk Tournament	
Johnston	3-2
SE Polk	1-6
Des Moines East	1-2
Dowling Classic	
Indianola	2-0
Dowling	0-4
Carlisle Tournament	
Ankeny	0-1
Martensdale-St. Mary's	2-1
Pleasantville	11-0
Norwalk	10-0, 3-0
Pella Christian	9-0, 3-2
Ames Classic	
Harlan	0-1
Ames	1-0
North Scott	4-1
Ankeny	1-2
Grinnell	2-7
Boone	1-0, 2-1
Waukee	3-1
Twin Cedars	16-1
Lady Dutch Invitational	
South Tama	2nd
Colfax-Mingo	13-0
	0-2
Knoxville	5-1, 4-3
Chariton	3-0
Districts	
PCM	2-1
Overall Record: 23-14	

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Holly Edwards



Julia Nurse



Lara Van Wyk



Varsity Girls' Softball



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Holly Dorenkamp, Ryan Kiburz

Frosh, JV face challenges

Freshmen learned more than just softball plays during their first season; they learned how to get along with one another.

"Being a new freshman and playing at the high school level was challenging and a lot of fun. I learned a lot more about softball," said freshman **Whitney Metcalf**. Many freshmen spent the majority of their summer vacation playing for freshmen, JV and varsity teams.

"With having driver's education and softball, my summer was filled with memories. I just wish the

summer wouldn't have ended so quickly," said freshman **Danielle Descoteau**.

The JV players had a year of experience under their belts and used that to influence the freshmen.

"I thought it was a good learning experience playing at a higher level, and it was a lot of fun," said freshman **Kelly Hudson**.

Freshman **Chelsea Freese** also enjoyed the experience.

"It was fun and challenging, especially being an eighth grade at the time," **Freese** said.



JV SOFTBALL. Chelsea Freese, Laura Sopher, Jennifer Spoelstra, Katie Sopher. ROW 2: Lindsay Hill, Emily Bensink, Tara Sorensen, Coach Felicia Turnbull, Whitney Metcalf, Lauren Anderson, Kristin Sytsma.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Newton	11-8
Roosevelt	4-3
Fairfield	3-13
Chariton	3-9
Pella Christian	6-1, 7-2, 6-5
Centerville	6-14, 11-3, 6-8, 20-6
Grinnell	13-16, 9-2, 10-6
Oskaloosa	0-3, 1-3, 1-2
South Tama	3-5
Boone	1-11, 2-6, 0-2
Colfax-Mingo	17-5
Lynnville-Sully	9-6
Norwalk	4-6, 0-10, 0-10
Knoxville	4-1, 5-15, 10-7
Record:	14-17

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FRESHMEN. Lauren Anderson, Kristin Sytsma, Whitney Metcalf, Tara Sorensen, Chelsea Freese, Emily Bensink. ROW 2: Katie Van Vark, Jordy Bloodsworth, Chris Buitenwerf, Kelli Hudson, Nicole Beyer. ROW 3: Danielle Descoteau, Lacey Beyer, Kendi Beyers, Samantha Mc Curry, April Rus.

SCOREBOARD

Opponent	Score
Waukee	3-0
Grinnell	3-0
SE Polk/Newton	4-0
Oskaloosa	0-3
Chariton	3-0
Boone	0-3
Knoxville	3-2
Pella Christian	2-3
Pella Invitational	1st
Norwalk	3-0
Record:	7-3

"I had a blast playing softball this summer; it was a great season! Even though I had a tough schedule with driver's ed. and everything, in the end, it was worth it."

Freshman **Danielle Descoteau**

"Softball was awesome this year! I made some really good friends, and we had a good record. I'll never forget when our Knoxville game was cancelled because of rain, so we went sliding in the muddy outfield."

Sophomore **Lauren Anderson**



Emily Bensink, Michelle Thomassen



Varsity Girls' Softball



Kristin Wares



Julie Rietema, Julia Nurse, Michelle Thomassen



Lindsay Hill



JV Girls' Softball

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Plenty of activities were on tap as FFA had another busy year.

"At the beginning of the year, we went to Iowa State to the fish hatchery. We also went on a ski trip, had a pizza party, and had a banquet. The thing that was good about all of them was that it was fun," said junior **Luke Balmer**.

According to junior **Jacob Ahee**, the most outstanding part of the year was the March 28 Parent Member Banquet.

"It allowed them to see what we've done throughout the year," said **Ahee**.

Participating in the national soils competition was another highlight. Sophomores **Ashley Sample**, **Lance De Vries**, **Joey Knight** and **Russell Hoksbergen**, accompanied by FFA Advisor **Mark Williams**, traveled to Oklahoma. They finished 22nd among over 90 teams.

Activities:

- *Soils Contest
- *Parent/Member Banquet
- *State Convention

Awards:

- Star Chapter Farmer -
Senior **Jennie Bandstra**
- Star Greenhand - Freshman
Darrell Kooistra

Awards (cont.):

- Star Agribusiness Person - Senior
Wendy Seekamp
- Scholarship Awards - **Bandstra**, junior **Kevin Ulmer**, sophomore **Amber Seekamp**, **Kooistra**
- Chapter Sweethearts: **Bandstra**, **Derrica Boot**
- Firststar Bank Record Book Award -



FFA. **Scott Buitenwerf**, **Nick Rempe**, Secretary **Kevin Ulmer**, Treasurer **Jennie Bandstra**, Sentinel **Wendy Seekamp**, Reporter **Jacob Ahee**, Vice President **Brad Chamra**, President **Zach Brummel**. ROW 2: **Scott Mathes**, **Zach Van Wyk**, **Scott De Prenger**, **Lance Roorda**, **Derrica Boot**, **Lacy Moffett**, **Danny Wichhart**, **Chad de Vries**, **Russell Hoksbergen**, **Jon Miller**. ROW 3: **Ashley Orr**, **Katie Van Vark**, **Amber Seekamp**, **Ashley Sample**, **Ryan Hulleman**, **Luke Sneller**, **Adam Vandervoort**, **Joe Knight**, **Lance De Vries**, **Brad Veverka**. ROW 4: **Chad Beyer**, **Darrell Kooistra**, **Clint Dingeman**, **Matt Overbergen**, **Lucas Balmer**, **Jeremy Olsen**, **Michael Van Dusseldorp**, **Darren Kooistra**.

Awards (cont.):

- Freshman **Katie Van Vark**, sophomore **Russell Hoksbergen**
- Van Maanen Seed & Chemical Award - **Bandstra**

Technology Students Association

TSA members were active with many trips and activities. In mid-December they produced clipboards for Pella Corporation, followed by a January trip to Sauer Danfoss, a company that manufactures hydraulic parts. In April, they made tables for Heritage Lace. They wrapped up the school year with a Tulip Time stand, featuring three new products - chocolate-covered cheesecake on a stick, monkey tails and nachos.

Club Sponsor **Mark Goodrich** said that the club will miss its seniors. "... they have done a lot of work for four years and have shown a lot of leadership to the club. We are going to miss having them around," said **Goodrich**.

Goodrich noted that placing at the state contest was a highlight. They placed for outstanding chapter (third) and RC car (second). Senior **Chad Beyer** was first for CO² car.

The most significant project for some TSAers was the work they completed on associate **Sheryl Van Genderen**'s house drywalling the basement.

Sophomore **James Montgomery** said, "It was a lot of fun working on the house. I learned a lot about how to make frames for walls and drywalling."

Sophomore **Jennifer Van Veldhuizen** enjoyed one of the group's local competitions.



TSA. **Jennifer Van Veldhuizen**, Secretary **Patty Bogaards**, Vice President **Troy Seekamp**, President **Greg Laughlin**, Reporter **James Montgomery**, Sgt. at Arms **Jeff Dykstra**, Treasurer **Chad Beyer**.

"I think the best thing was when we went to Johnston for a meet. After we went to Famous Dave's to eat supper and to celebrate our victory

Activities:

- *National convention in June
- *State competition in April
- *Local competitions
- *Built tables for Heritage Lace
- *Remodeling project
- *Tulip Time Stand



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

While working on associate **Sheryl Van Genderen**'s house, senior **Troy Seekamp** grabbed two live wires. The shock knocked him on his back on to a roll of insulation.

Friendly Homemakers of America

A wide variety of activities awaited Friendly Homemakers of America members throughout the year.

Members made cookies for the elderly. During another meeting, **Hilary Van Vark** talked about teen pregnancy, how it affected her life and how it could affect members' lives.

They also had a fundraiser in mid-December.

"FHA was great. I believe that in February, the meeting was the best, when we baked cookies and gave the cookies to the elderly," said junior **Darci Pleima**.

"The most significant thing I think is when **Hilary Van Vark** came in to talk about pregnancy. It gave me a new perspective," said sophomore **Jaimie Fuller**.

Sophomore **LaCosta Goos** added, "I think it was the best when **Hilary Van Vark** came and talked to us about having a child while she was a teenager and how it affected her life in college and just the rest of her life."

The best part of the year for junior **Amanda Vander Hart** was baking and giving cookies to the cooks.

"The cooks really appreciated the time and effort we put into it," said **Amanda Vander Hart**.



FHA. Public Relations Chair **Amanda Vander Hart**, Vice President **Jennie Bandstra**, President **Bailey Klyn**, Secretary **Darci Pleima**, **Nina Nuñez**, **Cecilia Nunez**, **Renee De Kock**. ROW 2: **Allison Emerick**, **Wendy Seekamp**, **Derrica Boot**, **Katie Hoksbergen**, **Renee Vos**, **Cassie Boertje**, **Jaimie Fuller**, **Nicole Fagg**.

Activities:

- *Baking cookies/giving them to the elderly
- *Speakers, including Hilary Van Vark and her talk about pregnancies
- *Electing new officers

Art Club

With twice the number of members that they had during the previous year, Art Club activity equaled more participation.

President **Colleen Ewell**, senior, said, "We had a really strong group this year with an impressive 23-person count. We had several instances last fall where we traveled around Pella to 'create' in new settings."

The Art Club participated in the Little Hawkeye Art Competition in Des Moines. They became more involved by organizing a face painting fundraiser last Halloween. They also displayed their art work at Carnaby Club. Additionally, some members' work was highlighted in the school's display case.

Members enjoyed the year.

Sophomore **Michelle Westra** said, "I think the best thing was that we got to hang out with our friends and do what we want to draw. We also got to compare our art work with the other students in the club, which was also fun; it was interesting because our art work was very different than all the other students involved."

Sophomore **Alex Ung** enjoyed the conference art festival.

"I think going to conference with our best art work was the best thing that has happened this year because we could compare our art work that we drew or made with the other students from the different schools in our conference. It was really exciting for all of us, including the other students that were there."



ART CLUB. **Jonathan Van Ryswyk**, President **Colleen Ewell**, **Gaoder Vue**, **Joe Cerwinske**, **Anna Whatling**, **Michelle Westra**. ROW 2: **Ben Farmer**, **Angela Sels**, **Cecilia Nuñez**, **Cory VandeKieft**. ROW 3: **Nick Miller**, **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo**, **Alex Ung**, **Lech Harris**, **Alan Austin**.

Activities:

- *The Little Hawkeye Art Competition
- *Competition in Oskaloosa
- *Regular meetings
- *Carnaby Club art displays
- *Displays in school's trophy case



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Art Club members with strong stomachs decided to draw body parts, including severed limbs.

FCA

Throughout the year FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) enjoyed a variety of different events. In the fall they sponsored a hayrack ride to help get as many students involved as possible. That night was filled with a gathering at the high school, an hour ride on the hayracks, and a trip to a local greenery, where they enjoyed food, fellowship, and prayer. Students said that it was a spiritual experience for them.

Another special event was when FCA traveled to an Oskaloosa church for a mini-concert.

Sophomore **Kayla Kafka** said, "It was really neat to get together with other town's FCA's every once in awhile because we got to meet new people, participate in activities with them and share our special talents."



FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES. Michael Schreuder, Wendy Seekamp, Jaci Newendorp, Randa Van Rheenen, Michelle Van Vark, Mandy Vink, Gary Pothoven, Aaron Bonnema, Brad Chamra. ROW 2: Julie Rietema, Carson Eggland, Bryan George, Ashley Sponsler, Chip Racheter, Jordan Kologe, Brandon Dahm, Alisa Van Zante, Kara Ruthven. ROW 3: Randy Ozinga, Brandyn Van Zante, Pete Randol, Jonathan Landon, Nick Hatziegegnakis, Joe Cerwinske, Andrew Van Wyk, Adam Van Wyk, Nick Rempe, Nick Brooks. ROW 4: Brian Steenhoek, Kristin Wares, Ryan Redman, Gretchen King, Jenni Norris, Lori Hardin, Beau Browne, Matt Spreacker, Colin Waits, Bret Schuring. ROW 5: Chris Landon, Kayla Kafka, Katelyn DePenning, Courtney Fleenor, Marcia Brown, Ashley Van Sant, Billy Fox, Luke Ballenger, Vance Schuring, Ben Bollard.

★Seniors **Kara Ruthven, Jaci Newendorp** and **Maria Vos** join hands during the Prayer Around the Pole. Despite the rain, a large number of students showed up for the event held not only in Pella but nationwide.

Student Council

Student council helped other organizations with their programs as one of its major outreaches of the year. Donations were made to both prom and after prom to help cover expenses.

"It was very difficult with our small budget to get everybody's ideas in the prom theme. It was also kind of awkward to ask the student council to donate money since the student council members were the ones who had to ask for the money. I was relieved that everybody was willing to donate the money since we were really coming up short," said junior **Megan McConville**.

Throughout the year student council sponsored dances for the students.

"Being on student council this year was great! We had a lot of fun discussing school issues, like the dances. The upperclassman really respected our points of view about the ideas we had for hosting the winter formal," said freshman **Samantha Johnson**.

Another council responsibility was to keep the pop machine filled.

"It's kind of a pain to fill the pop machine sometimes, but since it is my responsibility, I feel I should," said junior **Allison Roush**.



STUDENT COUNCIL. Michelle Van Vark, Randa Van Rheenen, Chip Racheter, Zach Brummel, Molly Vermeer, seniors. ROW 2: Elizabeth Summitt, Jonathan Landon, Allison Roush, Megan McConville, juniors. ROW 3: Ashley Braun, Kyle Simpson, Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, Adam Chenoweth, sophomores. ROW 4: Whitney Metcalf, Angela LoThi, Samantha Johnson, Joey Groenenboom, freshmen.

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

When the FCA group went to Oskaloosa and played blind volleyball, they started hitting other people instead of the ball.

Empower

Many students were able to participate in Empower, a program that began four years ago. All students were given the chance to be accepted to the organization by attending a meeting, filling out a questionnaire about themselves, and having a face-to-face interview with several of the board members.

Empower adult leader **Jill Parker** said, "The training sessions help teen leaders learn to clearly express their views on abstinence. They learn how to lead activities, role plays, demonstrations, and discussions to help middle school students discover that abstinence is the best choice for them."



After being selected, the students had to go through three weekends of training to become an actual Empower Teen Leader. These training sessions were meant to help them fully understand how to relate to children on a personal basis.

Parker said that it

★ Junior Teen Leader **Jon Landon** helps a middle school student with an activity during the Empower class.



EMPOWER. Wendy Seekamp, Randa Van Rheenen, Mandy Vink, Jaci Newendorp. ROW 2: Erica Knoll, Elizabeth Summitt, Tera Behning, Heather Kraayenbrink, Laura Reicks, Gretchen King, Lori Hardin, Ruth Esveld. ROW 3: Billi Ellingson, Tremaine Versteeg, Kate Sloan, Anne Jacobson, Lindsay McFarland, Jocelyn Davis, Elizabeth Jones, Lindsay Korver. ROW 4: Hillary Recker, Heather Vande Lune, Ryan Redman, Adam Chenoweth, Ryan Terlouw, Elizabeth Bruss, Jon Landon.

was better to have high school students, instead of an adult, talk to the younger students because they are closer in age and great role models who share how they deal with the challenges and pressures they face in their lives.

The program has proven to be a very positive experience for the teen leaders and for the children.

First year teen leader, sophomore **Jocelyn Davis** said, "Empower was a very fun experience. I enjoyed teaching the kids and trying to influence them to stay abstinent until marriage."

DAFY

DAFY (Drug and Alcohol Free Youth) moved at a slower pace than in past years. However, the students still felt that the year was positive for everyone involved.

"DAFY is a fun and exciting group to be a part of. Meeting new people and teaching them how to be a strong person are two strengths of the group," said senior **Jawnica Vaverka**.

The groups have also enjoyed sharing their experiences with the elementary and middle school students. They participated in Red Ribbon Week, a national event to warn people against the consequences of drinking and driving, and substance abuse with alcohol and tobacco. "It was a good experience hanging out with the little kids. I hope I helped them make the right decision to stay drug and alcohol free in the future," said freshman **Michael Langenfeld**.



DAFY. Elizabeth Summitt, Randa Van Rheenen, Jawnica Vaverka, Karrie Peterson, Nick Mulder, Ryan Redman. ROW 2: Tracy Marlow, Tera Behning, Tara Sorenson, Klayton Korver, Mike Langenfeld, Justin Caldwell, Whitney Metcalf.



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Sophomores **Kyle Simpson** and **Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo** had a little trouble retrieving balloons from the ceiling while decorating for the Winter Formal.

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French Club

While most students were enjoying their first day of summer vacation as of June 9, 13 French Club members and sponsor **Chris Sand**, along with 17 students from Oskaloosa High with former Pella High French teacher **Laura Brehm**, were on their way to France for the summer French trip.

On arrival, they spent four days in Paris sight-seeing. The next six days were spent with their host families (they were matched with them by completing an application about their interests. Those traveling also exchanged letters with their families in French over a four-month period before the trip to get to know them beforehand).

French Club members held many fund-raisers throughout the last two years in preparation for their summer trip.

Sophomore **Sharla Kramer** said, "I was really excited about going; I was a little nervous, though, about the family I would be staying with because I hadn't received a letter back from them yet. I was also mad about having to go to school the day before I leave."

"French Club doesn't do too much, but we went to France, so I was excited for that!" said sophomore **Vanessa Boot**.

After the stay with their host families, members toured Germany to visit a World War II concentration camp. At the end of their stay they flew out of Geneva, Switzerland, and returned to Pella June 23.

"I was looking forward to experiencing France and their culture. I



FRENCH CLUB: Cassie Boertje, Mike Mitchell, Ashley Sponsler, Katie Van Dusseldorp, Erica Knoll, Megan Mc Conville, Megan Laughlin, Hilary Pearson, Sunny Visser. ROW 2: Dan Hunt, Chris Wills, John Bogaards, Jonathan Whalley, Carl Lovell, Michelle Steenhoek, Megan Weiler, LaCosta Goos. ROW 3: Elizabeth Garrard, Jenni Moore, Sharla Kramer, Sherri Laughlin, Vanessa Boot, Abby Van Dusseldorp, Ashley Braun, Michelle Westra, Gaoder Vue, Samantha Mc Curry, Sponsor Chris Sand.

made great memories and really had fun," said junior **Megan Mc Conville**. "I enjoyed meeting and staying with my family. I hope after the trip we will stay friends."

"It was weird to be in school one day and be on a different continent the next," added **Mc Conville**.

Pep Club

Pep Club, composed of members of the fall cheerleading squads, assumed responsibility for the pep rallies, locker posters, and the cheers that got the Dutch ready to play. They also put together the Homecoming theme and dress-up days and the hoops that the football players ran through for Homecoming.

"When we come up with the themes for Homecoming, we all tried to think of something that would go well with the other team. When we came up with our top two choices, everyone then voted on their favorite," said junior **Megan Laughlin**.

Pep club also organized two pep rallies this year- one for homecoming, the other for the winter sports teams ending their seasons.



Every member traveled to the Barn in Des Moines to cheer for the boys' and girls' basketball teams. Seniors cheered for the boys' team; underclassmen cheered for the girls' team. They learned a new cheer just for those games.

☀ Boom! Dynamite! Junior **Léa McIntosh** pumps the crowd during the girls' state basketball tournament. **McIntosh** said, "The year has been exciting and eventful, and I think everyone could vouch for that!"



PEP CLUB: Ashley Westman, Randa Van Rheenen, Bailey Klyn, Anne Jacobson. ROW 2: April Rus, Megan Laughlin, Lindsay Mc Farland, Kate Sloan, Léa Mc Intosh, Abby Van Dusseldorp.

"It was an honor to be able to cheer our team on at state. This even helped unite our squads to perform our best and look professional. We had practices every day after school for a week to prepare us for the games. We did a dress-up day the day of the games, and a sleepover and made cookies for the basketball teams," said sophomore **Lindsay Mc Farland**.

"The crowd response was a lot better at Vets. The adrenaline rush was amazing; it makes the stunts go a lot better," said senior **Anne Jacobson**.

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Freshmen cheerleaders **Kelly Eysink** and **Megan Mc Combs** forgot to catch junior **Léa McIntosh** during a lift. **McIntosh** hurt her neck, forcing her to wear a neck brace.

National Honor Society

Students had to be just a little bit smarter this year to earn National Honor Society membership as the grade point average was raised from 4 to 3.6, held for three consecutive semesters. Regardless, 43 new members were inducted.

"It felt really good to be accepted into NHS. I think it's a good thing to help out my future in terms of college and stuff," said sophomore **Ayla Kafka**.

"It was good to see so many of my classmates to be recognized for their academics. I hope everybody keeps working hard to stay in it," said sophomore **Tremaine Versteeg**. **Versteeg** added that while saying the oath at initiation, "... it was hard to restrain myself from laughing, and I spilled wax on my hand. Besides that, it was all good."

In addition to new membership guidelines, NHS was a major supporter of the Read a Million Minutes Reading Carnival held Feb. 16. NHS members, along with students from study hall, helped decorate the tables and tear down. They also helped run the games and activities held throughout the school. Not only did the elementary students have fun at the carnival, but those helping did, too.

"I think that the people who did the styrofoam magnets at the NHS carnival had more fun than the kids playing did!" said senior **Alisa Van Zante**.

"It was a lot of fun, but afterwards I hurt all over from bending backwards, trying to catch a runaway car," said senior **Shannon Steenhoek**.

For the juniors, it was their first full year of spending their time for NHS. After their initiation, the junior class were able to fully participate in all NHS activities.

"I think that it's good that we have groups like NHS to honor students who do well in school. It's nice to have a group to volunteer, like at the carnival, when they need us," said junior **Julia Nurse**.

"I feel being in NHS is an honor, and I'm glad there is such an organization to reward us for working hard," said junior **Karrie Peterson**.



NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SENIORS: Peter Cline, Cecilia Nuñez, Nina Nuñez, Secretary Michael Schreuder, Vice President Gary Pothoven, President Wendy Seekamp, Treasurer Megan DeWild, Katie Hoksbergen, Ashley Van Sant, Barry ErkenBrack, Mandy Vink, Chip Racheter, Michelle Van Vark. ROW 2: Annette Beaver, Shannon Steenhoek, Laura Reicks, Jaci Newendorp, Lindsey Brouwer, Irene ErkenBrack, Kim Henle, Alisa Van Zante, Jennie Bandstra, Rachel Madden, Anne Jacobson. ROW 3: Bret Schuring, Colin Waits, Emily Lubberden, Lyndi Van Vark, Jenni Norris, Nick Hatzievgenakis, Jesse Linn, Randa Van Rheenen, Jordan Kologe, Aaron Bonnema. ROW 4: Kalen Eastwood, Ashley Bogaards, Molly Vermeer, Kelli Marlow, Lori Hardin, Beau Browne, Scott Buitenwerf, Mark Van Roekel, Megan Austin.



National Honor Society Juniors: John Bogaards, Sarah Way, Hilary Pearson, Erica Knoll, Sunny Visser, Laura Sopher, Kristin Wares, Allison Roush, Hillary Recker. ROW 2: Ashley Sponsler, Alicia Broach, Holli Hill, Karrie Peterson, Lindsey Okerberg, Elizabeth Summitt, Brianne Schutte, Renee DeKock. ROW 3: Jonathan Whalley, Carson Egglund, Chris Westra, Pete Randol, Dan Goodyk, Mirinda LoThi, Staci Kruseman, Elisabeth Bruss, Julia Nurse. ROW 4: Joe Fernandez, Bryan George, Sergio Navarro, Jonathan Landon, Brian Steenhoek, Mike Mitchell, Matt De Vries, Bao Yang, Jennifer Moore, Katie Ross.



Junior **Erica Knoll** digs deep to retrieve the spin art frisbee at the Read a Million Minutes children's carnival. **Knoll** said, "I think that the reading carnival was a great idea for our National Honor Society project because I think that reading and NHS are directly related. If you ever so choose to do spin art, remember to wear old clothes."

Activities

Meetings to elect officers.

Encouraged participation in the literacy army.

Volunteering at the Feb. 16 Read a Million Minutes Children's Carnival.



Shoulda Had a Camera When...

During the carnival, NHS members helping with the spin art hid the extra frisbees so they could decorate them after everyone left.

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Duchess

Fri., Feb. 2 was Black Friday for the members of the publications staffs, most notably the yearbook staff. At approximately 2:30 p.m. that day, an unknown individual trashed the contents of the journalism hard drive, causing the loss of over 30 yearbook pages in different stages of completion, as well as newspaper files.

Junior **Allison Roush** said, "It was a real pain to have to redo everything that we worked so hard on. Fortunately, we worked really hard and got it done on time. But I'm really angry with the person who deleted all the pages."

Senior **Gretchen King** added, "It was really disappointing losing all of these pages and really upsetting to know that we had to recreate them all over again."

Adviser **Ann Visser** said, "Losing the pages because someone maliciously destroyed them was horrible. I hope everyone realizes how much effort it took, for the yearbook staff especially, to redo the pages that were lost."



☛ Designing a layout for the Duchess is sophomore **Brittany McCulla**. "Yearbook is a lot of hard work. My favorite part is knowing that I'm working on something that everyone will see. The finished product will be great," said McCulla.



DUCHESS. Lindsay Korver, Katie Van Dusseldorp, Erica Knoll, Megan McConville, Amy Riherd, Gretchen King, Ruth Esveld, Allison Roush. ROW 2: Chad de Vries, Jaimie Fuller, Michael Trotter, Charli Fontana, Brittany McCulla, Marcia Brown, Becky De Koning, Anna Whatling. ROW 3: Adviser Ann Visser, Lindsay McFarland, Kay Haustein, Lyndi Van Vark, Suzanne Corum, Katie Ross, Karrie Peterson.

AWARDS

Neubert Award - 2000 Duchess

Third, Iowa High School Press Association fall contest
Chosen, Jostens 2001 Design Ideas Deluxe CD program

Pelladium

You can't please everyone all of the time. *Pelladium* staff members certainly found that out throughout the year.

"It's been a year of controversy," said *Pelladium* cartoonist **Lech Harris**, sophomore. "It seems like there was an issue with every single paper that came out."

Controversial issues stemmed from Nick Timmer's column about being a senior to coverage of a visit to Hoover High School, Des Moines, by three *Pelladium* staff members.

"I think that it's kind of ridiculous how someone's opinion of a certain issue or thing can raise such controversy. All of the issues that we have come across this year in newspaper have been only opinion-related pieces. Even though these issues bring up controversy, it also helps us learn to deal, as a journalist, with the public," said *Pelladium* staffer **Kassi Van Wyk**, junior.

Despite the ups and downs, Adviser **Ann Visser** said the year was a successful one.

"We had many individuals who worked very hard to come together and produce a quality publication month after month. Despite the controversies, the staff did a good job," said **Visser**.



PELLADIUM. Sergio Navarro, Tremaine Versteeg, Heather Kraayenbrink, Joe Cerwinske, Ryan Hulleman, Julia Nurse, Kassi Van Wyk. ROW 2: Lech Harris, Oakley Klein, Dan Hunt, Klayton Korver, Luke Ballenger, Scott Mathes. ROW 3: Bryan George, Billy Van Weelden, Kyle Simpson, Adviser Ann Visser, Kristin Sytsma, Morgan Kelly, Cory Vande Kieft.

AWARDS

National Press Women: **Sergio Navarro**, second, editorial; Iowa Press Women: **Navarro** (first, editorial), **Nick Timmer** (second, news story; honorable mention, column), **Lech Harris** (third, editorial cartoon). Iowa High School Press Association: **Navarro** (first, editorial; honorable mention, illustration); **Joe Cerwinske** (first, editorial cartoon); **Kyle Simpson & Luke Ballenger** (first, sports story); **Timmer** (second, columns; third, feature story); **Harris** (second and third, editorial cartoon); **Karrie Peterson** (honorable mention, news photography); **Bryan George, Kassi Van Wyk & Julia Nurse** (honorable mention, layout and design) Staff (honorable mention, illustrations; third, layout and design)

Pelladium

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Shoulda Had a Camera When...

Pelladium staff members contributed a tree for Pella's first annual Festival of Trees.
It was purchased by freshman **Leah Robinson** for \$10.

Thespians/Speech Contest



THESPIANS. Allison Emerick, Bailey Klyn, Chip Racheter, Rachel Madden, Jaci Newendorp, Peter Cline, Irene Erken Brack, Jessica Post, Megan Austin. ROW 2: Oakley Klein, Michael Trotter, Amy Cline, Gaoder Vue, Lech Harris, Kate Sloan, Alex Ung, Catie Beck, Dan De Haan, Adam Whitehead. Not Pictured: President Randa Van Rheenen

No more French maids ... no more crazy get-ups. Thespians initiation isn't 'normal' after an evaluation of the former method of welcoming new members.

The previous system involved inductees being assigned to a current Thespians. That Thespians then made the inductee dress ridiculously for the day. Now, initiates write a play and perform it the night of Thespians banquet. They receive around two weeks to work at their given task.



SPEECH CONTEST. Amy Cline, Allison Emerick, Chip Racheter, Rachel Madden, Leta Hanson, Stephanie Thomas, Jenni Moore, Colleen Ewell, Rebecca Elliott. ROW 2: Michael Trotter, Kendra Bouwers, Joe Cerwinski, Gaoder Vue, Lech Harris, Alex Ung, Megan Austin, LaCosta Goos, Catie Beck, Michelle Westra, Anna Whatling. ROW 3: Chris Wills, Oakley Klein, Jessica Post, Irene Erken Brack, Jaci Newendorp, Kyle Simpson, Dan DeHaan, Billy Van Weelden, Brandon Boat, David Trotter. Not pictured: President Randa VanRheenen

More individual speech contest participants qualified for individual state contest than any other year as 24 entries qualified.

"My performance at individual state speech contest, I was told, was my best performance. I was really happy to make it to state speech and have one of my parents and my brother watch my for the first time at the state contest," said sophomore **Alex Ung**.

Debate

Four students participated in debate conference championships, including seniors Nick Timmer and Rachel Madden and juniors Jenni Moore and Stephanie Thomas. The team placed second at championships, second in overall scoring for the year.

Moore said, "State debate was a lot of fun. It was the first time our team has made it, and we were all thrilled to have gone that far. We did much better than we expected."

Conference Debate Results

	Aff.	Neg.
0/17 - @ Carlisle	1-1	1-1
0/24 - @ Grinnell	2-0	2-0
0/31 - @ Pella	2-0	2-0
1/14 - @ Knoxville	1-1	2-0
1/21 - @ Carlisle	2-0	1-1
1/28 - @ Indianola	2-0	2-0
2/5 - @ Saydel/Conf.	3	2



DEBATE. Coach Lisa Wittenburg, Gaoder Vue, Michael Trotter, President Rachel Madden, Leta Hanson, Stephanie Thomas, Jenni Moore. ROW 2: Dan DeHaan, Emmanuel Mate-Kodjo, Lech Harris, Alex Ung, Megan Austin, LaCosta Goos, Coach Chris Sand.

"Going to debate competition and making second place was one of the greatest things to happen to me. The team came together and was awesome," said junior **Stephanie Thomas**.



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Debate members had a Halloween home debate, and everyone dressed in costume.

Freshmen say what they'd do with one final day

"I would be as nice and funny as I can be because people remember how you were the last time they saw you." - Freshman **Brandon Boat**

"I would travel to the seven wonders of the world and send post cards to say goodbye." - Freshman **Maria Goodman**

"I would have a huge crazy party and play soccer and rugby in a

muddy pit against a team of bitter midgets." - Freshman **Alex Schuring**

"I would rob a bank and use the money to buy all the food I could eat during wrestling season." - Freshman **Brian Melhus**

"I would go get all of my money out of my savings and buy hookers." - Freshman **Dustin Browne**

"I would take all of my friends and family to Australia and go sight-seeing." - Freshman **Alison Corbett**

"I would eat junk food and play basketball all day." - Freshman **Brady Van Vark**

"Go out with friends to a night club and have a party at my house afterwards." - Freshman **Nicole Fagg**



✓ Freshmen **Paola Espinosa** and **Lindsay Vander Wert** decorate the freshman hall during homecoming week. The freshmen placed last in hall decorations.

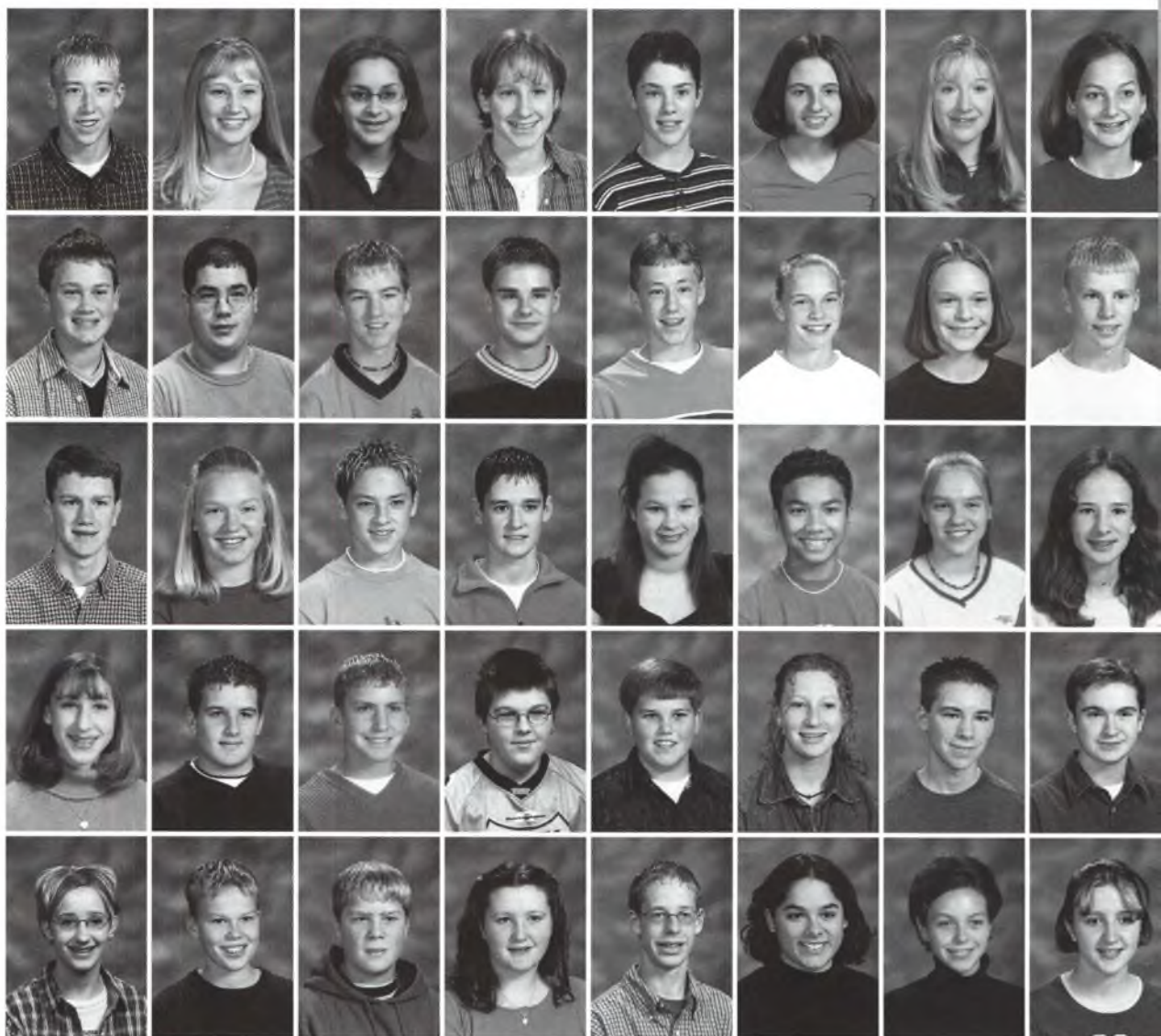
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Joshua Daniel
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Danielle Descoteau
Chris Doty
Brandon Dusanic

Michelle Dykstra
Kyle Eastwood
Mike Edwards
Rebecca Elliott
Jon Erickson
Paola Espinosa
Kelly Eysink
Nicole Fagg



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Lyndsay Van Maaren



Micaela Grob,
Whitney Metcalf, Jordy Bloodsworth



Kristin Van Zee



Lauretta MacCready



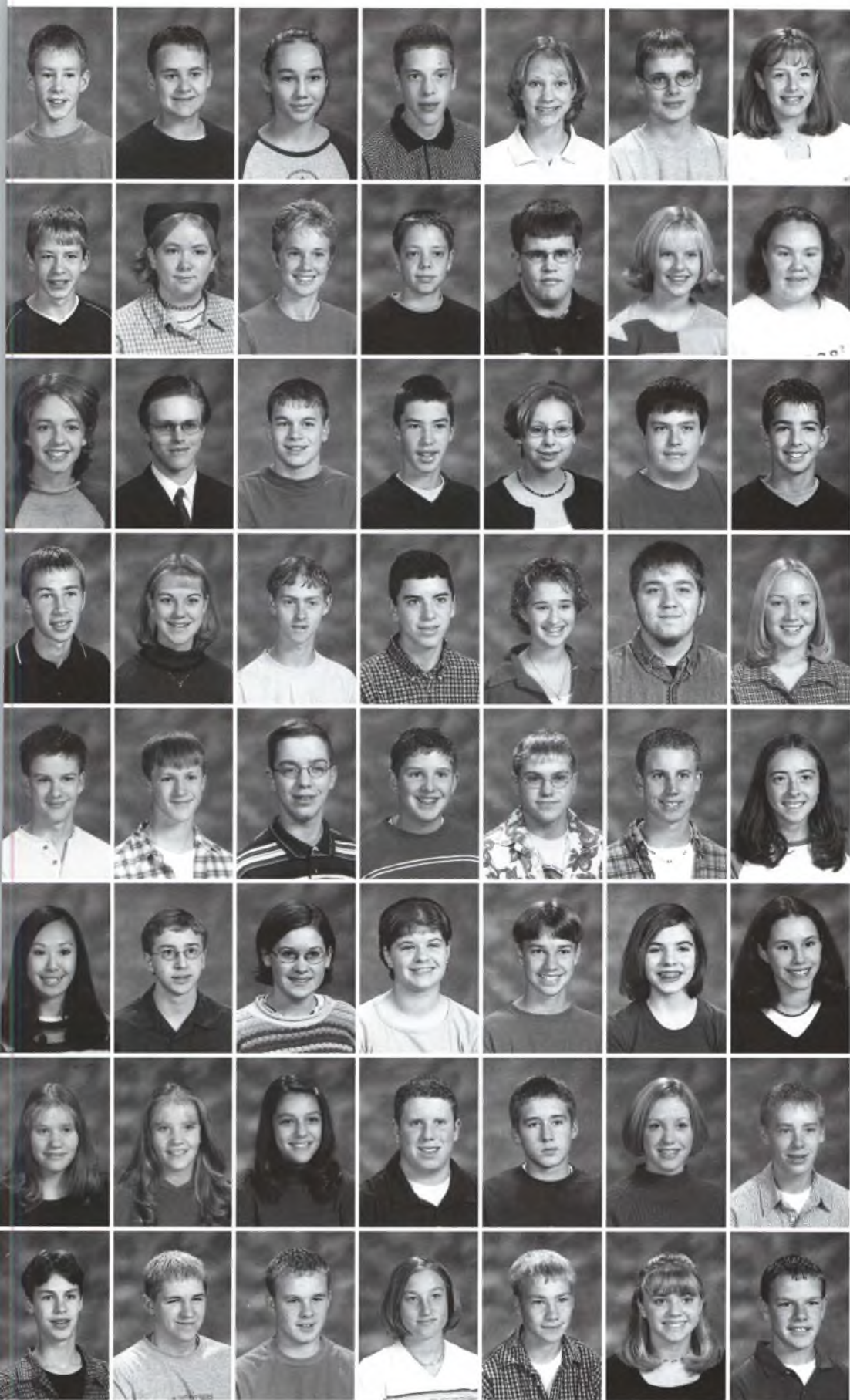
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Lindsay Graham
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Josh Jones
Stephanie Kindred

Matt Klassen
Collin Knoll
Darrell Kooistra
Nathan Kroese
Chris Landon
Michael Langenfeld
Sophie Linn

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Grace Martsching
Emma Mathonnet-
Vanderwell

Lacy May
Loni May
Megan McCombs
Bradley McNabb
Brian Melhus
Rep. Whitney Metcalf
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Tim Newendorp
Andy Oldridge
Jeremy Olsen
Ashley Orr
Chris Orr
Katie Ozinga
Jason Pfadenhauer

Freshmen

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78 girls;
96 boys

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Freshman
Tyler Ver Meer
6'4"

Shortest
Freshman
Alice Quangvan
5'0"

New students in 2000-2001

Freshman
Christina Clinkenbeard
Freshman
Josh Daniel
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Brandon Dusanic
Freshman
Maegen Fitzgerald
Freshman
Luke Guillian
Freshman
Bradley McNabb
Freshman
Ashley Orr
Freshman
Derek Sebold
Freshman
Nick Fitch
Freshman
Krystal Lewis



Sara Vermeer



Freshman Gang



Matt Terlouw



Natasha VanderWeide, Saretta Tillmaand



Brenda Roose



Izaak Holt



Jasen Dahm

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Aaron Pigula
Dustin Pitt
Megan Pothoven
Alice Quangvan
Dheera Rajpal
Luke Rauch
Sam Reicks



Mark Richards
Leah Robinson
Brenda Roose
Joshua Rozendaal
Amy Ryerson
Ryan Salter
Michael Salz



Joe Santiago
Matt Scharff
Matt Schnell
Alex Schuring
Todd Schuring
Derek Sebold
John Shaw



Sara Shetterly
Chris Siedlecki/Vos
Trent Sikkema
Stephanie Slatton
Hannah Smith
Josh Smith
Luke Sneller



Matt Snyder
Erin Sokol
Tara Sorensen
Richard Spierenburg
Marc Spriggs
Becky Steenhoek
Bryce Steenhoek



Anne TerLouw
Matt Terlouw
Justin Thomas
Saretta Tillmaand
David Trotter
Don Trotter
Seamus Turnbull



Cricket VandenBerg
Tanna Van Den Berg
Tyler VanderLinden
Louis VanderStreek
Natasha VanderWeide
Lindsey VanderWert
Michael VanDusseldorp



Michael John VanDusseldorp
Amanda VanEe
Kellee VanHemert
Nathan VanKampen
Matt VanMaanen
Lyndsay VanMaaren
David Vannoy



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Angela LoThi



Alex Schuring, Andy Oldridge



Megan McCombs



Cory Fischer, Richard Spierenburg

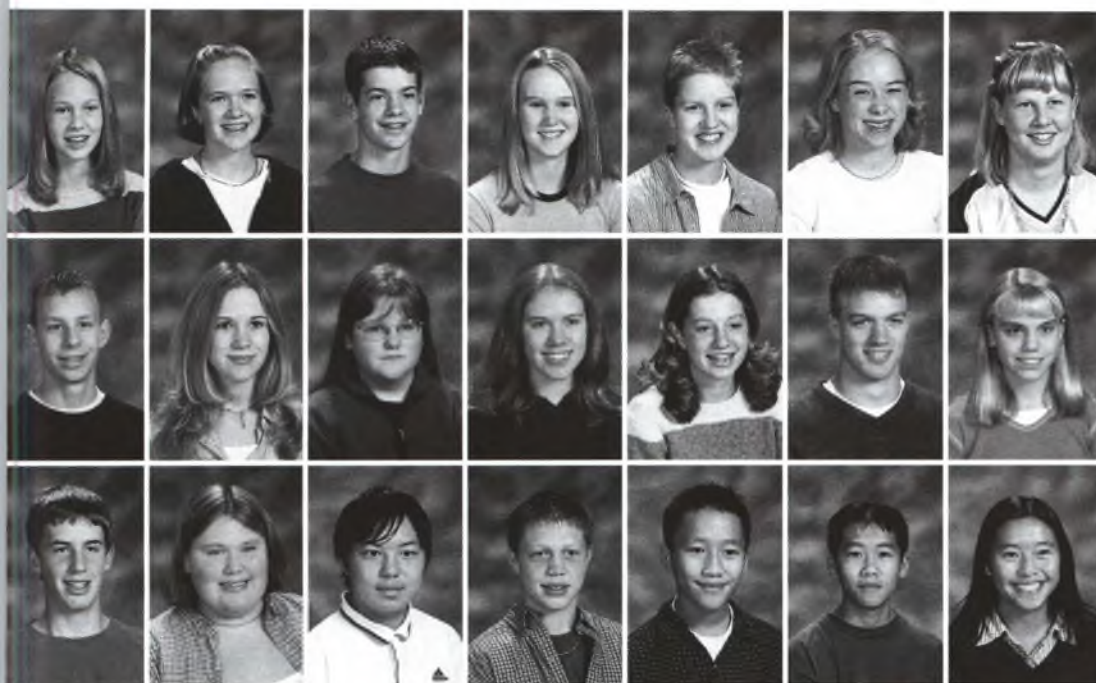


Alison Corbett Darvin Graham



Lindsay Graham, Rachel Barn





Amanda VanSant
Alison VanHal
Brady VanVark
Katie VanVark
Lara VanWyk
Sarah VanWyk
Kristin VanZee

Jacob Vaverka
Jenny Veenstra
Savannah Veenstra
Nichole Verhey
Blair Verhoef
Jonathan Vermeer
Sara VerMeer

Tyler VerMeer
Brandi Vink
Chakong Vue
Drew Wilson
Andrew Yang
Chung Yang
Lisa Yang

What do freshmen think?

What was the hardest thing about adjusting to high school?

Freshman **Sam Johnson**: "The hardest thing was trying to get along with all the upperclassmen who hate all the freshman's guts."

Freshman **Luke Rauch**: "It takes too long to get your lunch."

Do you or did you ever feel intimidated by upperclassmen?

Freshman **Courtney Fleenor**: "At first I was intimidated by the seniors. Then I went to a couple FCA meetings and met more people."

Freshman **Stephanie Slatton**: "Yes, I have felt intimidated by the upperclassmen because they expect a lot of things from you because you are a freshman."

Freshman **Tyler Vander Linden**: "Yes, my big brother **Austin Vander Linden**, is very scary."

If you could choose any senior to be like, who would it be?

Freshman **Amanda VanSant**: "I don't know a lot of seniors, but if I had to choose, I would want to be my sister. She is cool!"

Freshman **Alison Van Hal**: "**Holly Edwards** because she is athletic, sweet, pretty, and I know her pretty well."

What is the most embarrassing thing that has happened to you your freshman year?

Freshman **Tony Chem**: "I was getting ready to walk the first step on the narrow staircase, and my stupid new shoes slipped on the edge. I fell, rolling down the staircase and finally stopping when hitting the wall."

And the meaning is ...

Haberdasher -

"Hamburgers- mmmm good!" - Freshman **Taylor Brummel**

"Hashbrowns at Mc Donald's." - Freshman **Blair Verhoef**

"The ice cream Häägendas." - Freshman **Hannah Smith**

"Potatoes." - Freshman **Joe Burch**

"A store." - Freshman **Erin Sokol**

Placebo -

"Something to do with blood." - Freshman **Michael Langenfeld**

"A really good band with a song called 'Pure Morning'."

- Freshman **Nathan Kroese**

"Placenta." - Freshman **Cory Fischer**

Weimaraner -

"A hotdog." - Freshman **Savannah Veenstra**

"A bratwurst." - Freshman **Michelle Dykstra**

"A cow and its udders." - Freshman **Cory Hill**

What the words really mean

haberdasher:

a dealer in men's wear;

placebo:

an inert medication used for psychological reasons

or as a control in an experiment;

Weimaraner:

any of a German breed of large gray

short-haired sporting dog.



Nick Hartson



Sophie Linn



Kyle Eastwood



Chris Buitenwerf



Brady Van Vark



Cory Hill, Josh Smith



Joe Burch

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Sophomores share Sweet 16 memories



"I drove around all night." - Sophomore **Klayton Korver**



"I just got my license last week, (December-two months late) because during the summer, I took the car and drove to the beach, and my punishment was to not get my license until two months after my birthday." - Sophomore **Nicole Beyer**



"I went to Des Moines and got my hair cut and bleached." - Sophomore **Brandon Olsen**



"We went out to eat and I got a '91 Lumina." - Sophomore **Jon Carter**



"I had a volleyball tournament all day, but when I got home, four of my friends had a big party at Kristin Sytsma's house." - Sophomore **Tracy Marlow**



"All of my friends came over to my house, and we did some crazy stuff!" - Sophomore **Chris Boeyink**



"I got my license, so I got to miss school." - Sophomore **Nick Mulder**



"My mom threw a big surprise party for me. When I walked through the door, my mouth was wide open, and my gum got stuck to my lip.



Then I went to the church; they made me sit up front while they videotaped me. I was chewing my gum, and I was so nervous, I looked like cow chewing cud." - Sophomore **Jessie Boertje**



"I had a party, and I played paintball." - Sophomore **Alan Austin**



"I got my license 10 days after my birthday and on my birthday, I got a gym bag, money clothes, the usual." - Sophomore **Ray J. Love**



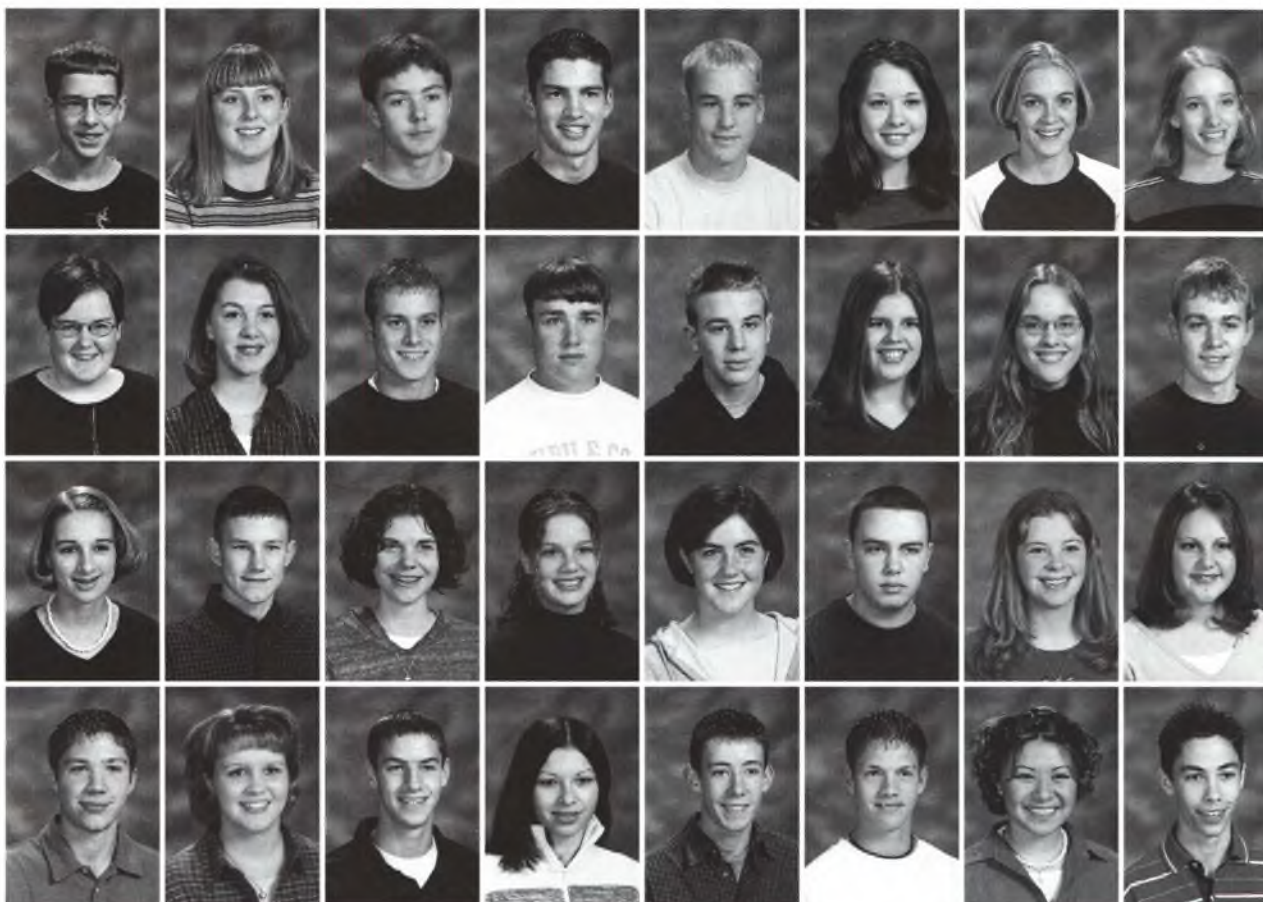
"We drove around town with video camera and had a video scavenger hunt. Then we came back to my house and watched the videos." - Sophomore **Lindsay Korver**

Mike Alft
Lauren Anderson
Alan Austin
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Cody Beaver
Catie Beck
Tera Behning
Adrian Bell

Jessica Beranek
Nicole Beyer
Aaron Bloodworth
Shane Bloodworth
Cody Boat
Cassie Boertje
Jessica Boertje
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Gina Boles
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Vanessa Boot
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Andrea Brobst
Annie Carlson

Jon Carter
Amanda Chapman
Rep. Adam Chenoweth
Amy Cline
Tyler Cowman
Paul Davidson
Jocelyn Davis
Dan De Haan



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Mary Hiemstra



Paul Davidson



Alex Ung



Sophomore girls



Harley Templeman, Brittany McCulla



JV girls' basketball team

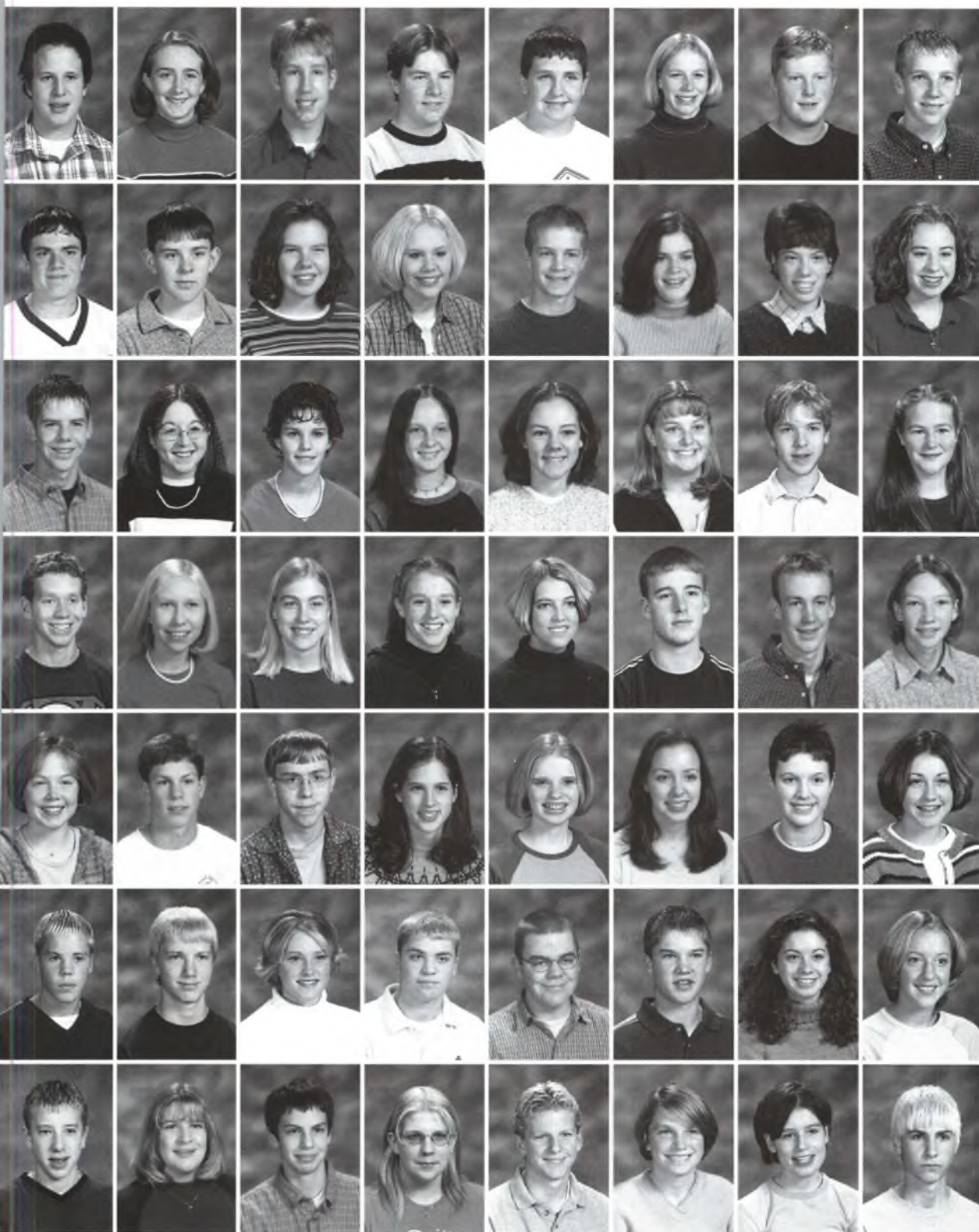
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Nick De Ruiter
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Lance De Vries
Jessica Dingeman
Jim Dingeman
Jeff Dole

Chris Durham
Dustin Eick
Billi Ellingson
Kara Elsloo
Scott Ewell
Emily Filer
Chelsea Flanagan
Charli Fontana

Billy Fox
Jaimie Fuller
Elizabeth Garrard
Jill Garvey
Sarah Gilpin
La Costa Goos
Josh Haman
Leta Hanson

Lech Harris
Kay Haustein
Sara Hedrick
Alicia Heersink
Ashley Heisdorffer
D.J. Henle
Pierce Hibma
Mary Hiemstra

Sharilene Hoekstra
Russell Hoksbergen
Daniel Hunt
Beth Jones
Jessica Jones
Kayla Kafka
Amy Kappel
Morgan Kelly

Andrew Kinne
Oakley Klein
Katie Kniff
Joe Knight
Darren Kooistra
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Heather Kraayenbrink

Micah Kraayenbrink
Sharla Kramer
Marc Kucinski
Kendra Lahvic
Matt Lahvic
Amy Laug
Sherri Laughlin
Kyle Lehmkuhl



Chris Durham, Jeff Steenhoek



Tremaine Versteeg



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Brittany LeMay
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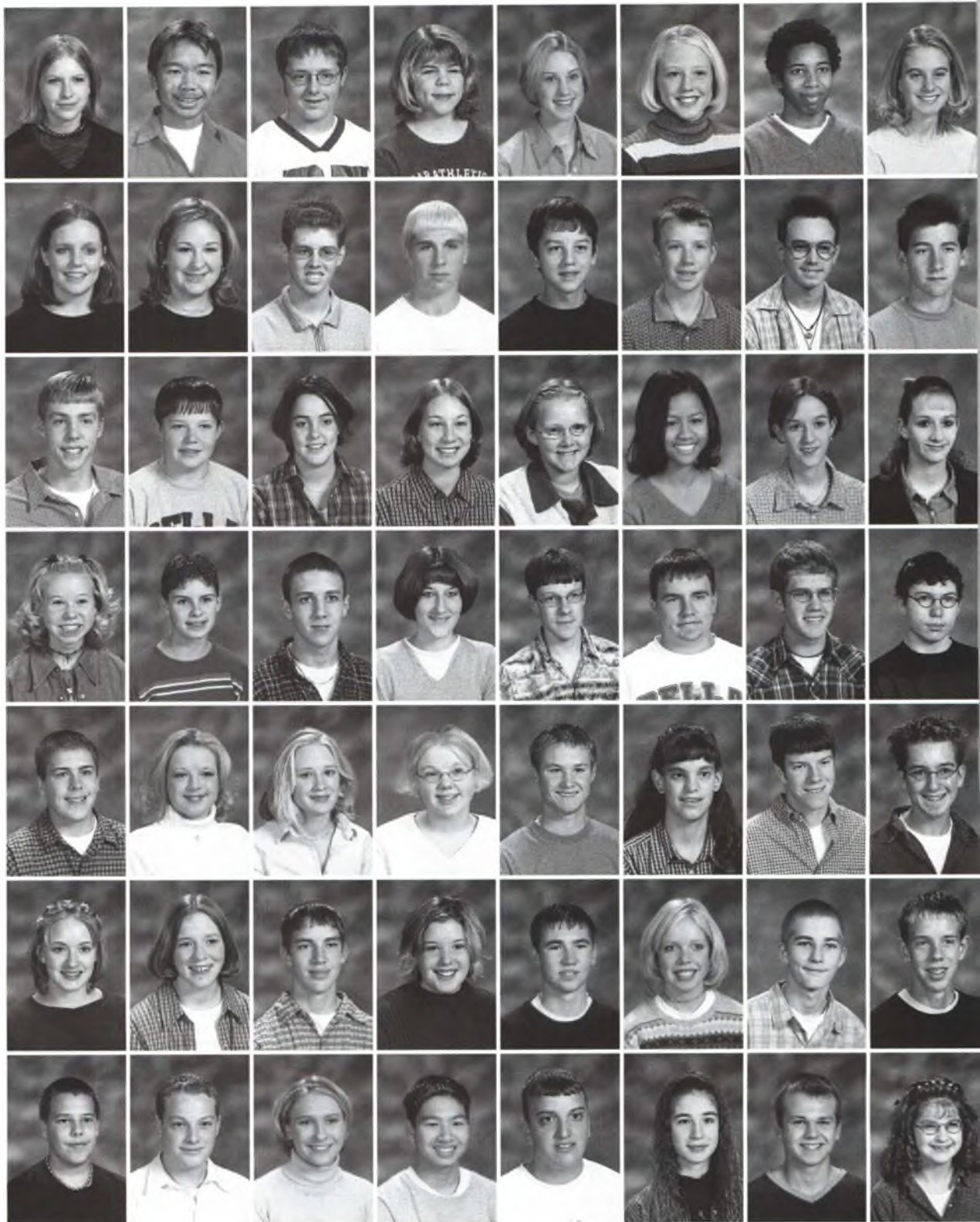
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 Andrew Reeder
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 Levi Robinson

Tyler Roose
 April Rus
 Ashley Sample
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 Alex Ung
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 Jaimy Van Donselaar



Number of boys:
 86
Number of Girls:
 85

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New Students:
 Sophomore **Aleisha Brummel**
 Sophomore **Brittany Lemay**
 Sophomore **Leta Hanson**

Sophomore **Kayla Kafka**
 Sophomore **Charlie Followill**

Sophomores

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Tiffany Pol



Dan De Haan



Amy Laug, Kristin Sytsma



Billy Fox



Ashley Braun



Zach VanWyk

What do sophomores think?

Do you think the upperclassmen take too much control over the underclassmen?

"No. Some of them try to abuse the privilege, but most of them don't." - Sophomore **LaCosta Goos**

"Some of them do but usually they just try to control the underclassmen who don't know their places." - Sophomore **Kay Hauste**

"I think there are a lot of people that want to be in power and treat underclassmen like they have no strength." - Sophomore **April Rus**

"No, I think lower classmen get in the way." - Sophomore **Adam Moore**



Sophomore **Jessica Dingeman** cleans up after a biology experiment. "Some classes give homework, but we usually go over it, and we don't get graded on it, so it's not that bad," said **Dingeman**.

What advice would you give to incoming sophomores?

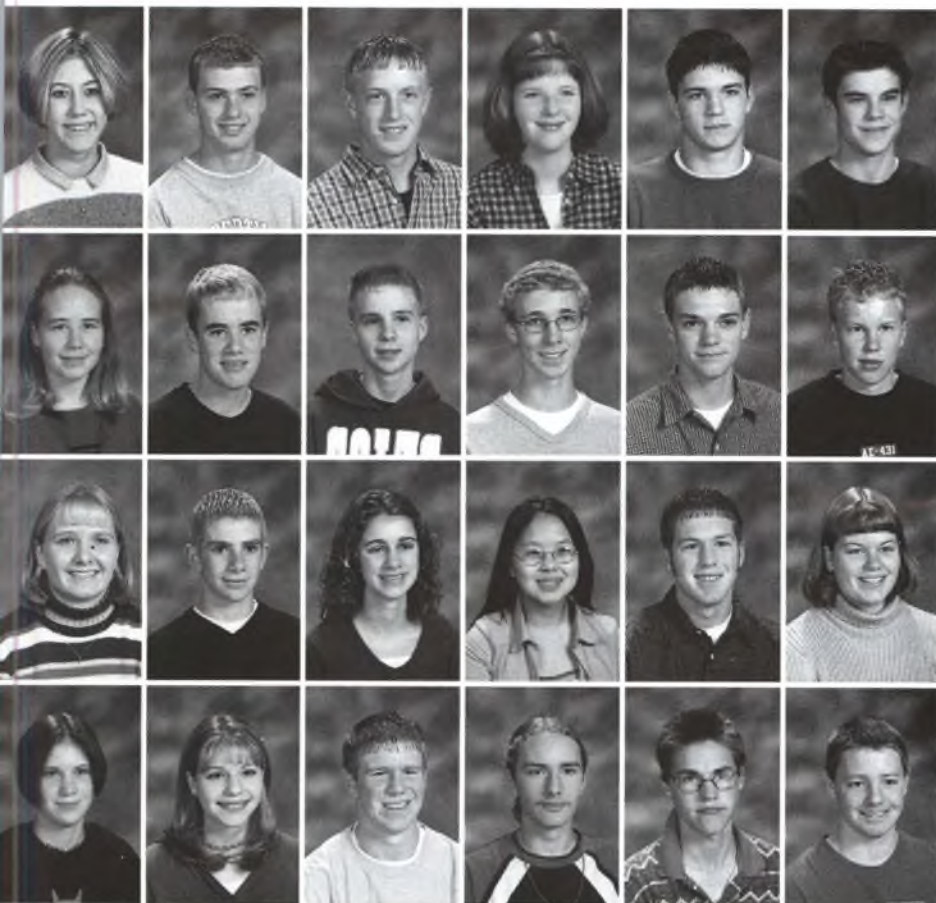
"Don't date freshmen." - Sophomore **Jessica Dingeman**

"Make friends with big seniors or big people in general. Don't be mouthy." - Sophomore **Russell Hoksbergen**

Do you think sophomore year is academically challenging?

"It depends on what class. Some of the classes I just generally have a really hard time understanding, and others are really easy." - Sophomore **Alex Ung**

"The teachers are more lenient this year and we don't get very much homework." - Sophomore **Sonya Ravestein**



Abby Van Dusseldorp
Mike Van Dusseldorp
Kevin Van Dyke
Jaci Van Ee
Zach Van Horn
Jon Van Ryswyk

Jennifer Van Veldhuizen
Billy Van Weelden
Tom Van Weelden
Daron Van Wyk
Zach Van Wyk
Bryan Venteicher

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Brad Veverka
Sarah Vos
Gaoder Vue
Lucas Waits
Megan Weiler

Michelle Westra
Anna Whatling
Adam Whitehead
Danny Wichhart
Tim Williams
Chris Wills
Micah Ybarrola



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James Montgomery



Brandon Morgan



Michelle Westra



Amy Cline, April Rus



Kayla Kafka

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Juniors share driving experiences

"My friend was trying to go across the median of a four-lane and he slid past it 'cause he didn't see it. He ended up in the ditch, then drove out and left." - Junior **JD Blauw**

"I'm a good driver, possibly the best." - Junior **Brian Visser**

"We were over by the college, and we weren't paying attention. We crashed into the back of someone's car and I got whiplash really bad. The other people weren't hurt, but I had to go to physical therapy." - Junior **Stacey Hoopes**

"A bunch of friends and I were driving around and my ex-boyfriend, at the time, told me to press the gas and brakes mixed up, and I ended up hitting a deer." - Junior **Alishia Kendall**

"I was driving on Hazel Street and planned on taking a left turn, in the snow when my back two tires slid, and I went sliding diagonally to the road. I missed my turn, and the back of my car hit a huge mound of snow. I said out loud, 'Fine, I guess I won't turn then!'" - Junior **Jenn Freeman**

"Karrie Peterson, Elizabeth Summitt and I went to state soccer in June. On our way home, Karrie claimed she knew how to get home from Washington, so we headed home, but we turned on the exit to Iowa City. Somehow, we didn't get on the interstate and didn't realize it, so we kept driving and we ended up in Cedar Rapids. We were freaking out, but we got directions and set out for Pella, and then we took an exit to Lynnvile. The bridge was out, so we had to turn around and get back on the interstate to go home. By the time we got home, we were so tired and mad because we made about a two-hour trip into a four-hour trip." - Junior **Allison Roush**

"I almost hit a pedestrian trying to cross the street uptown during Tulip Time." - Junior **Joey Rozendaal**

"I was at a stop sign by Central College. I was messing with the radio, and I wasn't paying attention when I started pulling away. I ended up hitting a guy on a bicycle, and he landed on my hood. I freaked out and got out to make sure he was o.k. But, he stood up and was laughing at me." - Junior **Megan McConville**

"I about hit a dumpster with my cousin and uncle in Arkansas." - Junior **Jeff Booy**

✓Strike a pose and vogue! Junior **Megan Laughlin** enjoys a car drive on their way to take pictures. "My friends and I like to go out in the summer and take pictures by the lake near my house."



Jacob Ahee
Lamart Baccam
Lucas Balmer
Steven Beaver
Tyler Beerends
Ashley Belloma
JD Blauw

John Bogaard
Jeff Booy
Jacinda Bouwers
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Chris Westra



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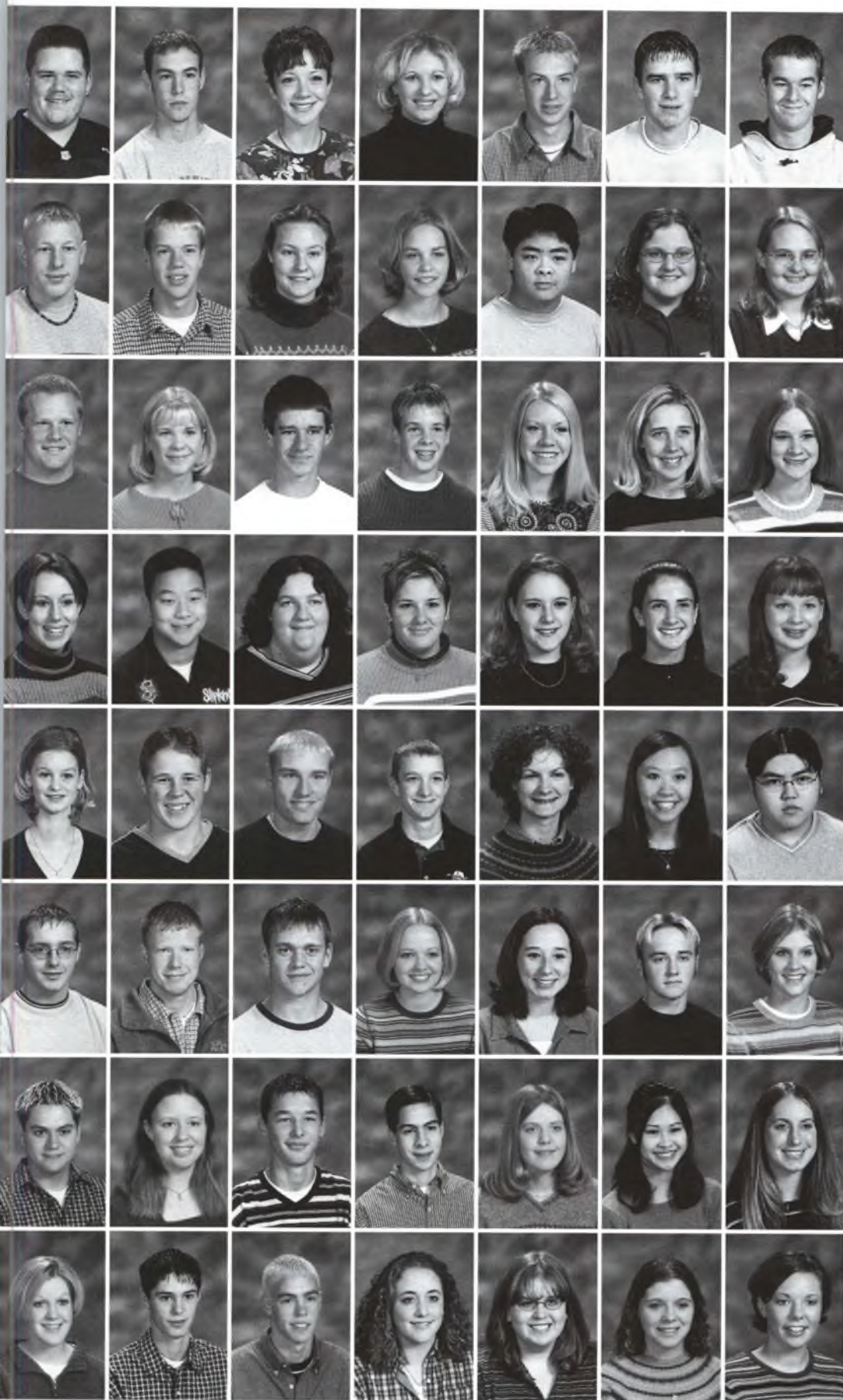
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Suzanne Corum



Kassi Van Wyk



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Renee DeKock
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Clint Dingeman
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Phillip Fitch



Zac Van Wyk



Hilary Pearson, Adam Roorda



Shelley Vander Werff



Dustin Studer



Evie Van Hall



Jenni Moore



Kristin Wares

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Lisa Phiv
Dustin Pierce
Melissa Pierson
Matt Pitkin
Darci Pleima
Jeremy Pridgen
Josh Printz



Pete Randol
Hillary Recker
Ryan Redman
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Eric Salter



Matt Santiago
Mike Schreiner
Brienne Schutte
Katie Sopher
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Cory VandeKieft
Heather VandeLune
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Amanda VanderHart
Sarah VanderHart
Austin VanderLinden
Shelley VanderWerff



Matt Vandevoort
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Chelsea VanGorp
Amy VanHall
Mary Beth Van Maanen
Aaron VanRees
Wade VanWeelden



David VanWyk
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Logan VanZante
Brian Visser



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La Mart Baccam



Lindsay Pearson



Tyler Beerands



Brandon Van Zante, Randy Ozinga



Allison Emerick



Katie Ross, Julia Nurse



Mary Beth Van Maanen

What do juniors think?

Do you feel you have more power now that you are an upperclassman?

Junior Amanda Vander Hart: *"Yeah. When I was a freshman, I didn't know what to think, and everyone looked down on us. Now, I know what to expect, and everyone looks up to us or is afraid."*

Compare this year to your last two years of high school.

Junior Steph Carr: *"About two years ago, I cared about school, but now I could care less."*

Do you think upperclassman get the respect they deserve from lowerclassmen? Explain.

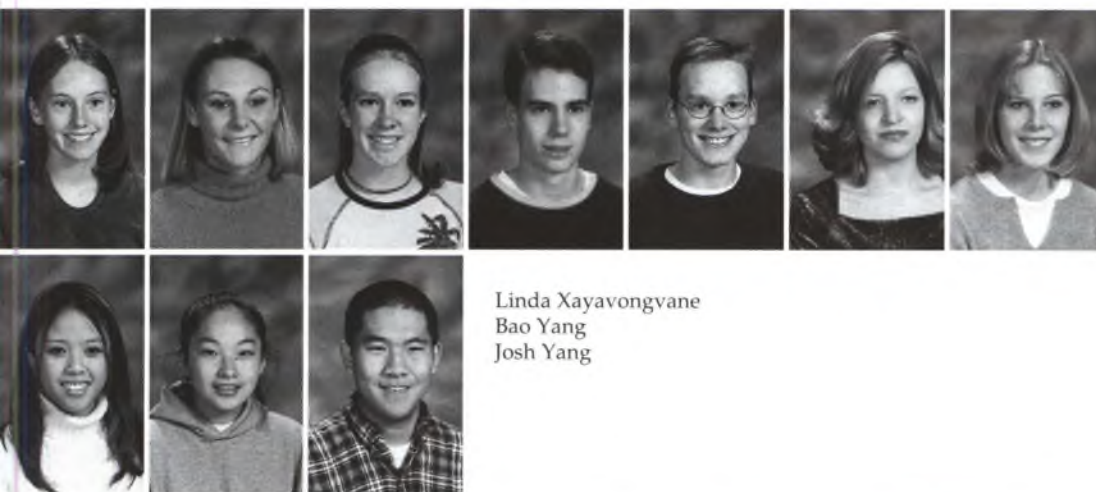
Junior Katie Ross: *"No. The freshman are stuck up and don't really respect us. Respect is a give-and-take, but they just keep on taking."*

If you could go back in time, would you change how you have handled your high school years so far? Why or why not?

Junior Carl Lovell: *"Yes. I would try more in class, and I would also take more classes that I would need for the job that I want. I would also be more sociable with everyone."*

A year from now, do you see yourself graduating from high school?

Junior Michelle Jones: *"Yes, I have a lot of plans, but I need to graduate to complete them."*



Sunny Visser
Kristin Wares
Sarah Way
Chris Westra
Jonathan Whalley
Nikki Wilcynski
Tricia Wright

Linda Xayavongvane
Bao Yang
Josh Yang



Katie Van Dusseldorp Aaron Van Rees

Kandy Ozinga

Ashley Pavlat, Pete Randol

Sarah Way

Karrie Peterson, Hilary Recker

Rachel Fugitt

Juniors

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What is a superstition you follow?

"I never walk under the ladder."

-Senior
Serena Alboni



"I won't break a mirror."

-Senior
Derrica Boot



"I don't follow superstitions."

-Senior **Matt Breckenridge**



"Before every tennis match I listen to Queen's 'Princess of the Universe.'"

-Senior
Mark Braun



"Breaking a mirror means seven years of bad luck."

-Senior
Shannon Braafhart



"I never walk under ladders ... really."

-Senior
Peter Cline

Serena Alboni
Megan Austin
Jennie Bandstra
Annette Beaver



Chad Beyer
Ashley Bogaards
Patty Bogaards
Aaron Bonnema



"On game days, I listen to the same music and wear the same clothes."

-Senior **Aaron Bonnema**



"I don't really follow superstitions."

-Senior **Lindsey Brouwer**



"I wear the same pair of underwear on days of wrestling meets."

-Senior **Nick Brooks**



"I never spill salt. I'm always careful when I pour it."

-Senior **Megan Austin**



✓Caught in the spirit of homecoming, seniors **Marcia Brown** and **Sarah VandeVoort** dress 'punk' for Homecoming senior dress-up days. "It was kinda fun to act like a punk and dress like a punk because normally people get criticized for it," said **Brown**.

Derrica Boot
Shannon Braafhart
Mark Braun
Matt Breckenridge



Seniors

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Serena Alboni



Megan Austin



Jennie Bandstra



Annette Beaver



Ashley Bogaards



Shannon Braafhart



Derrica Boot



Aaron Bonnema



Nick Brooks
Lindsey Brouwer
Marcia Brown
Beau Browne

Zach Brummel
Nathan Budding
Scott Buitenwerf
Kelli Carlson

What is a superstition you follow?



"I always put my right shoe on first before a basketball game."

-Senior **Ashley Bogaards**



"I always wear the same undershirt when

I have a basketball

game." -Senior **Brad Chamra**



"I don't open an umbrella in the house." -Senior

Marcia Brown



"I sleep with my teddy bear because he gives me sweet dreams." -Senior **Jennie Bandstra**



"I always sing before I draw." -Senior **Joe Cerwinski**



"I don't believe in superstitions where you should throw salt over your shoulder." -Senior **Patty Bogaards**



"I don't think superstitions are real." -Senior **Zach Brummel**



"I try not to break any mirrors because if you do, you get seven years of bad luck." -Senior **Scott Buitenwerf**



✓Senior **Patty Bogaards** enjoys herself while dining at Stella's in West Des Moines. **Bogaards** and other members of TSA ate there after a TSA trip to Des Moines.

✓Seniors **Zach Brummel, Keith Jones** and **Colin Waits** work together to push junior **Karrie Peterson's** car out of a snow bank in the junior parking lot.



"I sleep with a basketball before big games."

-Senior **Beau Browne**



"You get seven years of bad luck by breaking a mirror." -Senior **Kelli Carlson**

Debra Cervellera
Joe Cerwinski
Brad Chamra
Peter Cline



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Lindsay Brouwer Marcia Brown Beau Browne Zach Brummel Scott Buitenwerf Joe Cerwinski Brad Chamra Peter Cline

*What was
your best/
worst
memory
of high
school?*

"My best memory was the advent and perfection of the Sausage Fest." -*Senior Brandon Dahm*



"My worst memory was when my car wouldn't start and I was 15 minutes late for band." -*Senior Melinda Davids*



"My worst memory was when I slid down the hall by the art room, and fell flat on my butt, then everyone started laughing at me." -*Senior Becky DeKoning*



"My best memory was the senior skit during homecoming." -*Senior Lisa De Lange*



Brandon Dahm
Melinda Davids
Amber De Kock
Becky De Koning



Lisa De Lange
Megan De Wild
Todd Dickinson
Lyndsi Dunkin



"My best memory was going through the McDonald's drive-through in reverse with seniors **Ryan Kiburz** and **Amy Riherd**." -*Senior Megan DeWild*



"The best times were spending time with my friends and hanging out." -*Senior Todd Dickinson*



"My worst memory was when I totaled my convertible." -*Senior Lyndsi Dunkin*



"My best thing is finally making it to the end of high school!" -*Senior Jeff Dykstra*

"The best memories were that we were all individuals yet we still pulled through as a class." -*Senior Melissa Dykstra*



"My best memory was New Year's 2000 at Epcot on the band trip." -*Senior Kalen Eastwood*



"One of my favorite memories was making it to state in volleyball and basketball my senior year." -*Senior Holly Edwards*



"My worst memory was getting a warning for parking illegally in the

senior lot." -*Senior Victoria Gwinn*



"My best memory was when **Scott Buitenwerf**, **Zach Brummel**, **Justin Van Maaren**, and I went to Club E. and hung out for the night." -*Senior Josh Hamre*

"The best thing was going to the state soccer tournament my junior year." -*Senior Nick Haman*



"My worst memory was getting caught for Tping the school and having to do community service." -*Senior Lori Hardin*



Jeff Dykstra
Melissa Dykstra
Kalen Eastwood
Holly Edwards



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Brandon Dahm



Becky De Koning



Megan DeWild



Todd Dickinson



Lyndsi Dunkin



Kalen Eastwood



Holly Edwards



Barry ErkenBrack
Irene ErkenBrack
Ruth Esveld
Colleen Ewell



Matt Falcon
Ben Farmer
Nick Fischer
Andréa Grob

What was your best/worst memory of high school?

"My worst memory was the second day of school my freshman year when I realized I had over 500 days of school left." -Senior

Barry ErkenBrack



"My best memory was all the stuff I've done with Ms. Pohorsky."

-Senior
Irene ErkenBrack



"My worst memory of high school was realizing that I will have to leave my friends."

-Senior
Nick Fischer



"My favorite memory was the band trip. It was the coolest."

-Senior
Ben Farmer



✓Senior **Barry ErkenBrack** helps an elementary student during the Read a Million Minutes carnival. Members of the National Honor Society helped put together and run the games, which helped to make the carnival a large success.

"My worst memory was after prom my junior year a bunch of my friends went racing around for fake money. Michelle Van Vark stood up and hit me square in my right eye with the back of her head. I ended up with my eye swollen shut. It was the biggest black eye ever, and I had a ruptured blood vessel. It lasted for two months." -Senior **Ruth Esveld**



"My favorite memory would have to be our choir trip to Chicago. We did all kinds of cool things. We visited the Museum of Science and Industry and Chicago Museum of Art. We saw a performance of the Chicago Symphony and also a musical. I made many new friends and will hold our friendships deep in my heart for years to come." -Senior **Matt Falcon**



"My best memory of high school was weightlifting my freshman and sophomore years three times a week, alongside the junior and senior class boys!" -Senior **Colleen Ewell**



"My worst memory was Homecoming 2000. We couldn't have had fun because the administration didn't like our class." -Senior **Andréa Grob**



Victoria Gwinn
Nick Haman
Josh Hamre
Lori Hardin

"My favorite memory was the band trip. It was the coolest."

-Senior
Ben Farmer



ErkenBrack, Barry



Ruth Esveld



Colleen Ewell



Matt Falcon



Nick Fischer



Andréa Grob



Josh Hamre




Lori Hardin


Seniors


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Where do
you see
yourself 10
years from
now?

"Married with a
couple of kids
and living in
Australia."
-Senior
Gretchen King


"Hopefully
working as a
psychologist in a
large
company."
-Senior
Brandon Kane


"Living in
Colorado,
married, and
having a good
job."
-Senior
Robbi Hill


"Owning my
own construc-
tion business."
-Senior
Matt Larson


"I hope to be
operating my
own architec-
tural firm and
have a family."
-Senior
Greg Laughlin


Nick Hatzievgenakis
Chris Hegwood
Kim Henle
Carrie Hibbard


Robbi Hill
Katie Hoksbergen
Jason Hol
Anne Jacobson




✓Seniors **Jordan Kologe** and **Robbi Hill** dress-up in women's clothing at senior **Ruth Esveld's** house. "We were bored at Ruth's house and decided to give in to the girls and have a little fun. We let them take pictures," said **Kologe**.

"Hopefully with a good job, starting a family,
and having a good and happy life." - Senior
Ryan Kiburz


"Living with a nice family and be working as
a flight attendant." - Senior **Vickie Klein**


"Having a good job, living somewhere where
it is warm." - Senior **Jessica Larvick**


"Living with a family and kids and have a
nice job." - Senior **Jordan Kologe**



✓Senior **Peter Cline** 'rides' senior **Ryan Kiburz** as they act out a scene from *Don Quixote* during Spanish IV class. "I got to play the insane knight and Ryan played my trusty horse. ... the entire class laughed so hard," said **Cline**.

Jeremiah Jones
Keith Jones
Brandon Kane
Ryan Kiburz



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Nick Hatzievgenakis



Kim Henle



Carrie Hibbard



Katie Hoksbergen



Robbi Hill



Anne Jacobson



Keith Jones



Brandon Kane



Ryan Kiburz



Gretchen King
Vickie Klein
Bailey Klyn
Jordan Kologe



Brian Kucinski
Jennifer Langham
Matt Larson
Jessica Larvick

"Hopefully playing pro-ball somewhere."
-Senior
Chris Hegwood



"Working with children about music therapy and music education."
-Senior
Emily Lubberden



"Still being alive with a family and kids."
-Senior
Brian Kucinski



"Working as a teacher in a community like Pella."
-Senior
Kim Henle



"Managing a campaign on Capitol Hill and married with two kids."
-Senior
Anne Jacobson



"I can see myself married, with a couple of kids, living it up somewhere warm." - Senior **Katie Hoksbergen**



"I hope to have a successful career working with English or psychology and to have traveled throughout Europe." - Senior **Carrie Hibbard**



"Living in a nice place with a family and teaching fourth grade." - Senior **Bailey Klyn**



"Living in somewhere in Iowa with a job I like and having a family." - Senior **Jesse Linn**



✓Senior **Nick Hatziegegenakis** makes a quick change while acting out a scene from *Don Quixote* during Spanish class.

Go, fight, win! Senior **Bailey Klyn** cheers during a football game with seniors **Anne Jacobson** and **Ashley Westman**.



Greg Laughlin
Nathan Lester
Jesse Linn
Emily Lubberden



Gretchen King



Bailey Klyn



Jordan Kologe



Greg Laughlin



Nathan Lester



Jesse Linn



Emily Lubberden

Seniors

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... your
most
memorable
or
embar-
rassing
high school
moment?

"One of my most memorable high school moments was scoring a goal at the spring soccer tournament. I only played for about two minutes. When I went in, David scored a goal, and then I scored a goal, and we didn't score again. It was nuts, but it is something I will always remember."

-Senior
Chip Racheter



"The ski trip was probably the most memorable. I got to hang out with my friends and learned how to ski. The nasty bruises I got on my knees were worth it."

-Senior
Nina Nuñez

Matt Lundgren
Rachel Madden
Kelli Marlow



Mary Melnikova
Lacy Moffet
Tara Nelson
Jaci Newendorp



✓Concentrating on her music, senior **Jessica Post** plays her cello. **Post** and the other orchestra members were led by a new director this year, **Charlee Eekhoff**.

"My most memorable memory of high school would probably be making it to state in volleyball and basketball my senior year. I had a lot of fun working hard and being with my friends. This is something I'll never forget."

-Senior **Kelli Marlow**



"During a basketball game, I was going up on an elevator. I didn't quite make it up and I fell out on top of Megan McCombs and one of my shoes fell off and everyone was staring at me."

-Senior **Cecila Nuñez**



"My sophomore year there was a big snow pile in the sophomore lot, and I drove fast into it, and I got stuck."

-Senior **Tracy Rhoads**



✓On Goth Day during Homecoming Week, senior **Tara Nelson**, along with several other seniors, wore dark make-up and black clothes.

John Nistor
Jenni Norris
Cecilia Nuñez
Nina Nuñez



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Rachel Madden



Kelli Marlow



Tara Nelson



Jenni Norris



Cecilia, Nina Nuñez



Eric Orr
Brad Overbergen
April Ozinga
Andrew Pealer



Tony Phillips
Tony Pierson
Jessica Post
Gary Pothoven



✓Fifth grader **Bradley Van Dyke**, brother of sophomore **Kevin Van Dyke**, watches as senior **Chip Racheter** conducts the band.

"In France, I stepped in dog poo and got onto the subway. Every single person in the car left because it smelled so bad!" - *Senior Laura Reicks*



"My most embarrassing moment was during Skit Night when **Jordan Kologe** de-pants'd me up on stage; I was wearing my leopard skin underwear." - *Senior Nick Rempe*




"I was trying to get home from a friend's house, and I backed into a port-a-potty and got stuck in the snow. **Jenny Meyers** and **Bailey Visser** had to get out and knock the port-a-potty over so we could get out." - *Senior Tara Nelson*



✓Eight seniors were part of the all-school play in November, including senior **Rachel Madden**. "It allowed us to be more creative in how we expressed our characters."



Chip Racheter
Laura Reicks
Nick Rempe
Ben Renaud

 "My most embarrassing moment was last year when we were practicing for Carnaby Club. We were walking down the aisles of the auditorium for 'Hard Knock Life,' and I tripped over my own feet. I did a couple of somersaults, and when I got up, Klint Korver was dying of laughter!" - *Senior Jaci Newendorp*



"My most memorable moment was when I went to England and got my first professional tattoo and eyebrow piercing." - *Senior Stephen Lynas*



April Ozinga



Tony Phillips



Gary Pothoven



Laura Reicks



Nick Rempe

Seniors

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*What is
the best
gift you've
ever
received?*

"Many, many
hugs and a
Bible."

-Senior
Amy Riherd



"My friends
and family
always being
true to me and
always being
there."

-Senior
Jacy Rooney



"My car."
-Senior
Brad Roose



"My dog. I got
him as an
eighth grade
graduation
gift."

-Senior
Kara Ruthven



"A train set
that I got in
elementary
school."

-Senior
**Kenneth
Ryerson**

Tracy Rhoads
Amy Riherd
Jacy Rooney
Brad Roose



Kara Ruthven
Kenneth Ryerson
Michael Schreuder
Bret Schuring



"My classic electric Gibson guitar
with pickup." - Senior **Michael
Schreuder**



"My pool table." - Senior **Bret
Schuring**



"Money!" - Senior **Cody Schuring**



"I would have to say the best present
I have ever received would be a 12
gauge shotgun." - Senior **Troy
Seekamp**



✓How much longer do I have to carry this heavy bag? Seniors **Amy Riherd** and **Michelle Thomassen** are happy to be finished golfing after a long hard day on the course in Oskaloosa. "Golfing was really fun for P.E. I've never been golfing at the Oskaloosa course before, so the new experience was fun for me," said **Riherd**.

✓Right in step with the class of 2001, seniors **Bobbi Spencer** and **Matt Spreacker** accompany each other to their seats during graduation held at Kuyper Gymnasium, May 25. "It was a delightful experience and nice to see the class get together one last time," said **Spencer**.



Cody Schuring
Troy Seekamp
Wendy Seekamp
Angela Sels



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Tracy Rhoads



Amy Riherd



Brad Roose



Kara Ruthven



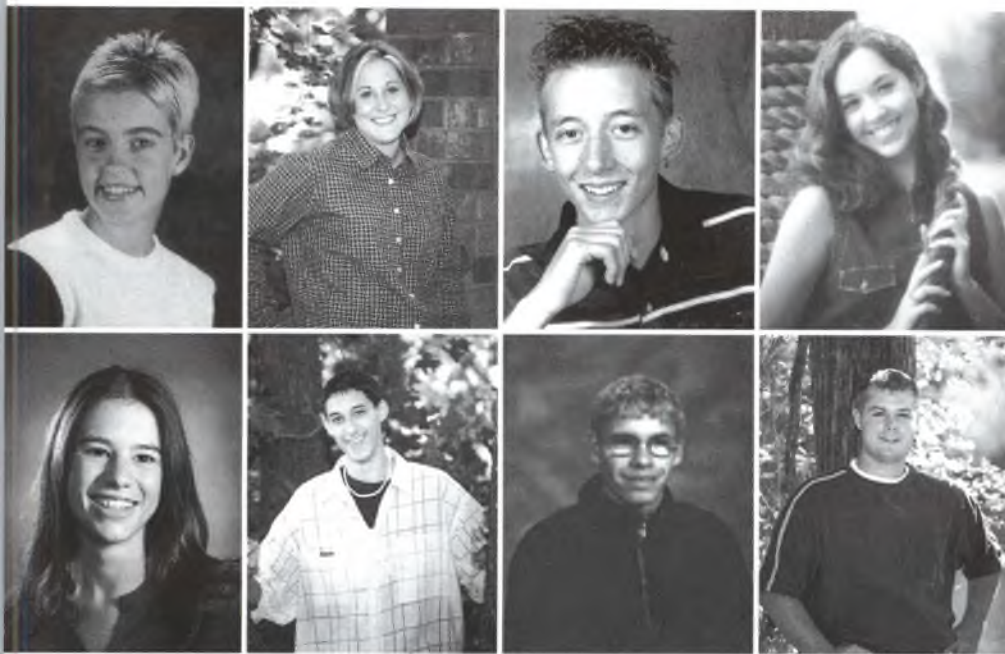
Kenneth Ryerson



Michael Schreuder



Wendy Seekamp



Amanda Sietstra
Lisa Silvers
Shawn Smith
Bobbi Spencer

Molly Sprague
Matt Sprecker
Neil Staton
Andrew Steenhoek

*What can't
you live
without?*

"I can't live
without my
friends and
family."

-Senior
Lisa Silvers



"I can't live
without my
vehicle."

-Senior
Shawn Smith



"I can't live
without my
friends and
family."

-Senior
**Bobbi
Spencer**



"I can't live
without
food."

-Senior
**Molly
Sprague**



"I can't live
without
basketball."

-Senior
**Matt
Sprecker**

"I can't live without my friends."
Senior Neil Staton



"A puppy." - **Senior Angela Sels**



"A T.V. and stereo." - **Senior
Amanda Sietstra**



"My car." - **Senior Wendy
Seekamp**



"My car and money." - **Senior
Tracy Rhoads**



✓Senior **Bret Schuring** enjoys lunch with his classmates during Homecoming week. "I had fun dressing up on Homecoming Days," said **Schuring**. Classmates **Chip Racheter** and **Colin Waits** flank **Schuring**.

✓Senior **Wendy Seekamp** helps out during the Read a Million Minutes carnival as part of a National Honor Society service project. NHS members helped decorate the high school for the event as well as helping to run the booths and activities. Community service hours were a new requirement for NHS members this year.



Shannon Steenhoek
Amanda Steeples
Matt Thomas
Michelle Thomassen



Bobbi Spencer



Andrew Steenhoek



Shannon Steenhoek



Amanda Steeples



Matt Thomas



Michelle Thomassen

Seniors

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*What
advice
would you
give
freshmen?*



"It'll be a long, hard drag, but you'll make it."

- Senior
Lane VanDerMolen



"Work hard, don't freak out, have fun, keep your grades up because they'll matter later on."

- Senior
Sarah Vandevoort



"Respect the seniors."

-Senior
Kirra Van Solen



"Respect your elders, don't take the seniors seriously all the time, they are usually joking around."

-Senior
Ben Van Vark



"Make room in the halls."

-Senior
Chase Van Zee

Nick Timmer
Ryan Van Andel
Lane Van Der Molen
Sarah Vandevoort



Amy Van Donselaar
Jennifer Van Dyk
Jennifer Van Gorp



"Work hard your freshman year so you can take it easy and mess around your senior year." - Senior **Amy Van Donselaar**



"Stick to what you believe in, and don't judge people for doing things that you think are wrong." - Senior **Michelle Van Vark**



"Don't get wrapped up in your grades, just have fun." - Senior **Andrew Van Wyk**



"Do a lot of stuff even though some people might not want you to do it." - Senior **Mark Van Roekel**



✓Seniors **Mark Van Roekel, Brad Charma, Andrew Van Wyk and Brad Roose** point to the football field. "This year we had a great football season. It was awesome how all the fans were crazy and into the game," said **Van Roekel**.

✓Senior **Lyndi Van Vark** poses in her costume at a Halloween party. "Halloween was a lot of fun but being a cat made it even better!" said **Van Vark**.



Mike Van Haaften
Nate Van Haaften
Jordan Van Kampen
Justin Van Maaren



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Ryan Van Andel



Lane Van Der Molen



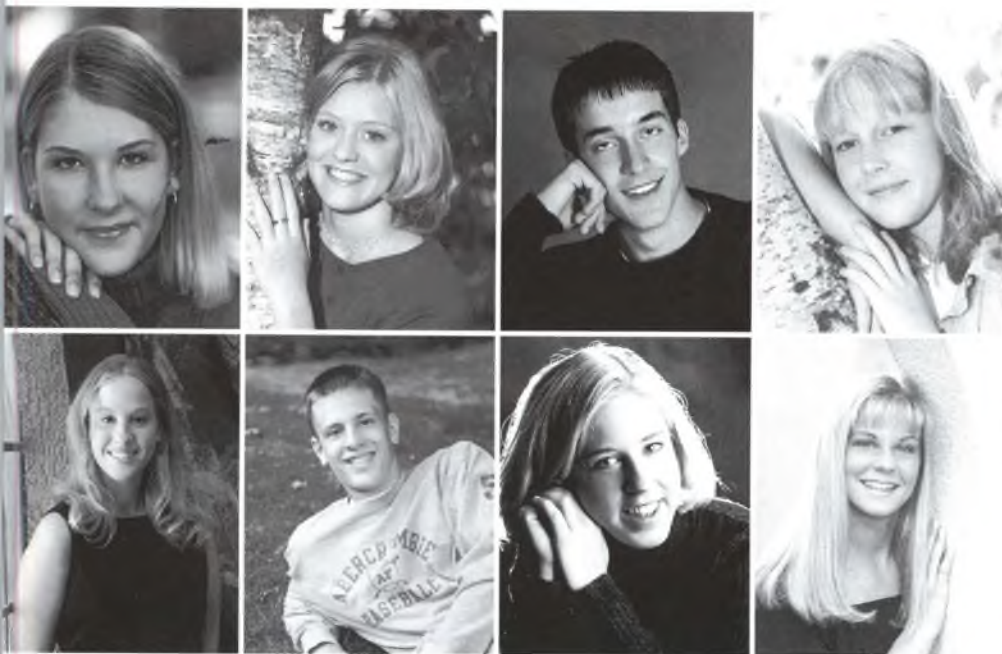
Sarah Vandevoort



Jenny Van Dyk



Justin Van Maaren



Heather Vannoy
Randa Van Rheenen
Mark Van Roekel
Ashley Van Sant

Kirra Van Soelen
Ben Van Vark
Lyndi Van Vark
Michelle Van Vark

*What
advice
would you
give
freshmen?*



"Make sure
you have fun
and make the
most out of
your high
school years."

- Senior
**Lyndi Van
Vark**



"Take your
homework
seriously and
have fun."

-Senior
**Randa Van
Rheenen**



"Don't eat
yellow snow"

- Senior
**Mike Van
Haaften**



"Keep your
head up and it
won't be so
hard."

- Senior
**Michelle
Van Wyk**



"Work hard in
classes you
want to take
for your
occupation."

-Senior
**Ryan
Van Anel**

Don't mess around your first three years
because it will matter." - Senior **Adam Van
Wyk**



Do your homework and go to all of your
classes." - Senior **Bob Van Weelden**



Don't mouth off to upper classmen espe-
cially the first year, but also make a lot of
memories." - Senior **Justin Van Maaren**



Just have fun and enjoy high school."

Senior **Alisa Van Zante**



Don't be scared."

Senior **Ashley Van Sant**



✓Sophomore **Adrian Bell** and senior
Chase Van Zee watch Ross Vander Werff
perform at Smokey Row Coffee Shop.
Smokey Row's opening in March gave
students a new place to eat and socialize.

✓Senior **Michelle Van Wyk** answers the
impromptu question at the Tulip Queen
Announcement party. "It was a really excit-
ing night. I met a lot of new people and
made a lot of new friends. It was a great
experience that I will never forget," said
Van Wyk



Bob Van Weelden
Adam Van Wyk
Andrew Van Wyk
Michelle Van Wyk



Heather Vannoy

Randa Van Rheenen

Mark Van Roekel

Ben Van Vark

Lyndi Van Vark

Michelle Van Vark

Michelle Van Wyk

Seniors

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*If you
could go
back and
do high
school all
over
again,
what
would you
do differ-
ently?*



"I would have studied a lot more and also remain friends with the ones who treated me right."

-Senior **Kristin Vathananonh**



"I wouldn't take as many stupid classes that I didn't need."

-Senior **Amy Veenstra**



"I would have taken a few different classes and taken them at different times."

-Senior **Matt Verhey**

Alisa Van Zante
Chase Van Zee
Kristin Vathananonh
Jawnica Vaverka



Amy Veenstra
Matt Verhey
Mark VerMeer
Molly Vermeer



"I would have gone out for cross country my senior year." - Senior **Bailey Visser**



"I would have buckled down and got good grades my freshman year." - Senior **Julia Wilson**



"I would have gone out for more sports and activities and would have paid more attention to my homework." - Senior **B.J. Wouterse**



"I would have t-peed DR's (Dick Redman's) house more often." - Senior **Jacob Willis**



✓Seniors **Keith Jones, Josh Hamre, Zach Brummel, Colin Waits, and Justin V Maaren** hang out together at Stella's. The group ate at the downtown Des Moines restaurant after the girls' state basketball game March 7.

Mandy Vink
Bailey Visser
Amanda Vos
Maria Vos



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Jawnica Vaverka



Mark Ver Meer



Molly Vermeer



Mandy Vink



Bailey Visser



Renee Vos
Marlene Voskamp
Colin Waits
Henry Wang



Ashley Westman
Jake Willis
Julia Wilson
Casey Wineland



"Not worry about home-work so much."
- Senior
Amanda Vos



"I would try to be more involved in extra activities."
- Senior
Maria Vos



"I don't really think that I'd do anything except have fewer students in the school so the halls aren't so crowded."
- Senior
Renee Vos



"I would make sure I got involved in more activities."
- Senior
Marlene Voskamp



"I would come to school everyday and study harder."
- Senior
Danny Wolfe



"I would have taken classes that could help me out in the future."
- Senior **David Yang**



"I wish I would have found a good job sooner so that I wouldn't be a poor college girl."
- Senior
Jawnica Vaverka



"I wish I had spent more time not working but watching more Anime and doing less homework."
- Senior **Adam Yang**



"I would not be such a nerd and study so much, and



"I say phoeey to school."
- Senior
Mandy Vink



"I would have liked to get to know a lot more people than I already have."
- Senior **Casey Wineland**



"If I could change anything about high school, I would have gotten to know all my classmates sooner."
- Senior **Molly Vermeer**



"The one regret I have is not trying my hardest my freshman and sophomore year."
- Senior
Mark VerMeer



"If I could go back and change something, it would have to be some of the girls I went out with."
- Senior **Colin Waits**



✓ Speaking at the Tulip Time Queen's Coronation is senior **Maria Vos**. Vos was a finalist, along with seniors **Sarah Vandevoort**, **Jaci Newendorp**, **Michelle Van Wyk**, **Jawnica Vaverka**, **Randa Van Rheenen**, and **Molly Vermeer**. **Vaverka** and **Vermeer** were named court members and **Van Rheenen** was named Queen.



Danny Wolfe
B.J. Wouterse
Adam Yang



Amy Veenstra



Renee Vos



Colin Waits



Henry Wang



Ashley Westman



B.J. Wouterse

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If I wasn't employed at school...



"I would run a restaurant!" - **Chris Sand**, French



"I would have been a ball player." - **Wade Van Vark**, math



"I wouldn't be employed, and I would do volunteer work." - **Teri Buitenwerf**, secretary



"I would teach at the elementary level and coach, or be an independently wealthy bum." - **Mike Ballenger**, counselor



"I would be a major news anchor

woman or a U.S. senator." - **Linda Harms**, English



"I would have gone into ecology, or have been a bum." - **Eric Pingel**, science



"I would be a court recorder." - **Mary Dickinson**, business



"I would be a vet so I could work with animals." - **Guy Reeves**, history



"I would have been an architect but I wasn't math savvy enough, so I guess I'd be in business some how, like marketing or

something." - **Nickolet Pohorsky**, music



"I would drive a bulldozer, I'm already licenced to drive a semi, and I'm also licenced to be a nurse or med. aid. I have my own lawn business as well, but I would still like to drive a bulldozer. My husband says I'd be too dangerous with it, though." - **Sandy Glassel**, custodian



"Being the greeter at Wal-Mart would be the greatest job in the world. I would love to go to work and get the opportunity to just talk ... what fun!!" - **Ann Visser**, English/journalism



★Counselor **Brian Huddle** carries a plate of sausage at the staff brunch held between semesters on Jan. 12.

Carmen Anderson, curriculum secretary
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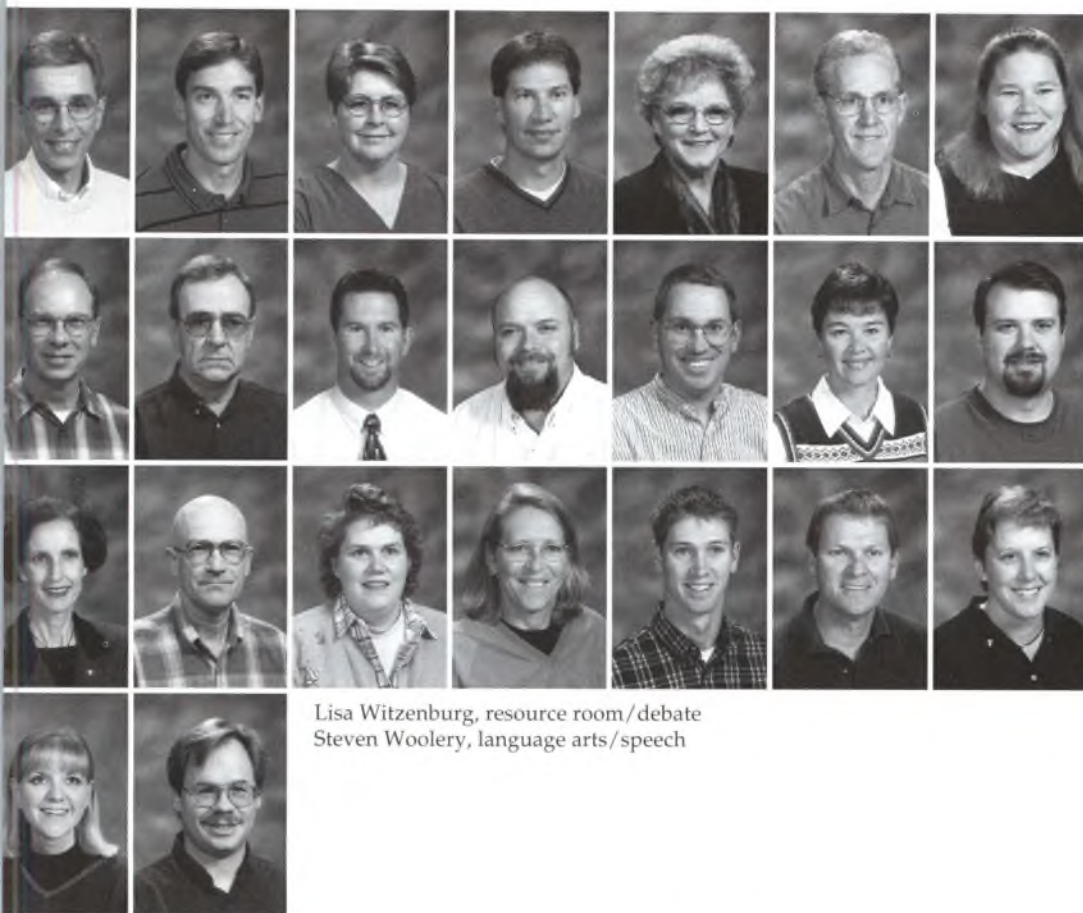
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Margene VanHorn, p.e.
Wade VanVark, math
Mike Vint, counselor
Ann Visser, language arts/journalism

What do faculty, staff think?

What was your most awkward or embarrassing moment at school?

"As a teacher, I had to spend half of a day in class with the seat of my pants entirely split out." - **English teacher Steve Woolery**

What is it like to teach during the day and then go home to farm at night? Does it ever get difficult to manage both?

"Yes, it gets difficult at times, but this winter my neighbor did my chores and fed the cattle. When the feeding equipment breaks, it is really hard to get everything done in one day. I have had to adjust to what comes at me. My priority is teaching, but I just can't give up farming." - **Math teacher Jon Nibbelink**

What do you like to do for fun or to relax?

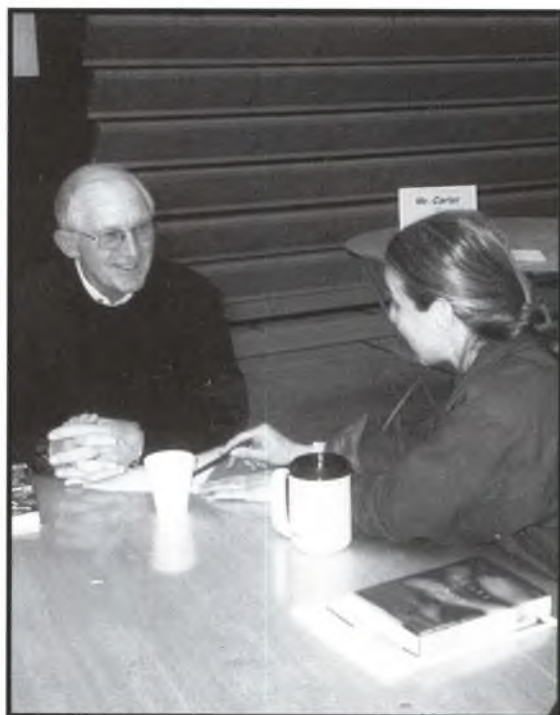
"Reading a fiction novel and walking with a good friend are pleasurable moments for me." - **English teacher Regina Linn**

Why can't students have nap time in study hall?

"If people have time to nap, they have time to take another class." - **Study Hall Supervisor Shelly Sample**

What is your main goal as a counselor?

"I want to be as helpful to any student or faculty member as I can in any different situation including careers, family, school, etc." - **Counselor Mike Vint**



★Environmental science teacher **Arvin Bandstra** converses with freshman **Saretta Tillmaand**'s mother at the last parent-teacher conference of his teaching career. He retired after 26 years of teaching.



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"I was excited to hear that Faith Hill won those three big awards because I really enjoy her music. The lyrics in her songs can often be related to real life situations." - Senior Lori Hardin

Multiple award winner Faith Hill poses with husband Tim Mc Graw and the couple's awards at the 28th Annual American Music Awards in Los Angeles, Mon., Jan. 8, 2001.





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"I feel bad for the families of the members that are missing. It was a very unfortunate event." - Freshman Becky Steenhoek

A landslide cuts a swath of destruction through the town of Santa Tecla near San Salvador, El Salvador, Sat., Jan. 13, 2001, following a 7.6 magnitude earthquake that caused widespread damage across El Salvador. The Red Cross estimated that 1,200 people were missing in Santa Tecla alone after Saturday's quake.

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"**Brandon Stokley** is the 'man'. He is my favorite player. That might have been the greatest moment in sports history and will be remembered by generations to come." - Junior **Lance Roorda**

Baltimore Ravens wide receiver **Brandon Stokley** (80) hauls in a 38-yard touchdown pass in front of New York Giants cornerback **Jason Sehor** in the first quarter of Super Bowl XXXV on Sun., Jan. 28, 2001, in Tampa, Fla.

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"At first I didn't pay much attention to it, but then once I heard about him being 'kidnapped' out of his Miami home, I was upset with the government," - Junior **Elizabeth Summitt**

Elían Gonzalez is held in a closet by one of the fishermen who rescued the boy from the ocean, right, as government officials searched the home of **Lazaro Gonzalez** for the young boy, early Saturday morning, April 22, 2000, in Miami. Armed federal agents seized Elían Gonzalez from the home of his Miami relatives before dawn Saturday, firing tear gas into an angry crowd as they left the scene with the weeping six-year-old boy. Elían's father eventually won his battle to return Elían to Cuba.



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"This is my first pageant judging 15 contestants. We judge the contestants on various qualities including a swimsuit competition." - Band Director **Guy Blair**, a judge for the 2002 Miss Iowa pageant. **Blair** became a part of the judging team after a former Miss Iowa dedicated her platform to music education in schools throughout Iowa.

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Investigators in a boat examine the hull of the USS COLE at the Yemeni port of Aden on Sun., Oct. 15, 2000. A powerful explosion ripped a hole in the U.S. Navy destroyer, killing at least 17 sailors and injuring some 30 others in what United States officials described as a possible terrorist attack.



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"I like Destiny's Child. I think they are a great group. I love their style, and their voices blend well." - Freshman **Natasha Vander Weide**

Destiny's Child performs during the Billboard Music Awards at the MGM Grand Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Nev., Dec. 5, 2000. The band received awards for Artist of the Year, Duo/Group of the Year, Hot 100 Singles Artist of the Year, and Hot 100 Singles Duo/Group of the Year.

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Farewell to ...

English teacher Linda Harms, leaving the district after 16 years to assume a counselor's job in the Pekin-Packwood School District;

Science teacher Arvin Bandstra, retiring after 25.5 years of service to the district;

Physical education teacher/wrestling coach Wyatt Frohling, returning to Kansas where he'll teach in Russell.

Associate Donna De Joode, leaving to assume a special education position in the Twin Cedars School District.

Program:

"Bouncin' with Bud,"
 "Summertime"
 "Angel Eyes"
 "Spain"

Competitions and Placings:

SCIBA High School Jazz Festival - Dec. 9 - 1st
 (Outstanding Soloists: Emily Lubberden, Peter Cline, Jonathan Whalley, Ryan Redman, Chris Boeyink, Tiffany Pol)
State - Jan. 13 - Waukee - "I" sight reading rating.
Hoover High School Jazz Festival - March 3 - Second in a field of 12
 (Outstanding Soloists: Lubberden, Whalley, Redman, Boeyink, Pol)
Jazzmania - Central College - Feb. 3 - Participated

State:

Iowa Jazz Championships - April 3 - 4th

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"It was hectic watching the states go back and forth. I tried watching the whole thing, but in the end, I just fell asleep." - Sophomore **Jessica Boertje**, referring to the television coverage of the presidential election.

Broward County canvassing board member Judge Robert Rosenberg uses a magnifying glass to examine a disputed ballot Nov. 24, 2000, at the Broward County Courthouse in Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.



Group One	Group Two	Group Three	Group Four	Group Five	Speciality
 Amy Riherd	 Megan McConville	 Katie Van Dusseldorp	 Ruth Esveld	 Gretchen King	 Erica Knoll
 Lindsay Korver	 Jaimie Fuller	 Kay Haustein	 Allison Roush	 Lyndi Van Vark	 Jessica Reeves
 Marcia Brown	 Suzanne Corum	 Alicia Heersink	 Brittany McCulla	 Chad deVries	 Katie Ross
 Allison Pierson	 Lindsay McFarland	 Michael Trotter	 Charli Fontana	 Vickie Klein	 Becky DeKoning
 Tara Neal	 Anna Whatling		 James Montgomery	 Karrie Peterson	 Adviser Ann Visser

Colophon

Duchess Awards (as voted by staff members)

Outstanding Rookies

Lyndi Van Vark, Jaimie Fuller

Outstanding Photographer

Karrie Peterson

Best Morale Booster

Kay Haustein

Most Dependable

Lindsay Korver

Hardest Worker

Erica Knoll

Outstanding Staff Members

Ruth Esveld, Allison Roush

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Perfect performance. The hills are alive with the sound of music....ahh hh ahh ahh.' My next project is to do a dramatic reading of "The Sound of Music," said senior **Emily Lubberden**. Singing a solo to the song "The Sound of Music" during a choir concert in February, **Lubberden** said she decided to take chorus director Nickolet Pohorsky seriously when she said she should sing that song, even though Pohorsky said she dislikes the musical greatly.

Initiating. We had fun 'initiating' the freshman this year in debate," said senior **Jenni Moore**. **Moore** and classmate **Stephanie Thomas** were varsity co-captains for the debate team.

Cool cats. Study hall hours were spent reminiscing our childhood days discussing things like watching "Saved by the Bell," said junior **Amy Van Hall**. Enjoying study hall with **Van Hall** were classmates **Alicia Broach**, **Heather Vand Lune**, and **Allison Roush**. The girls had to make the best of their time because it was their last year in study halls; next year they'll have senior release.

Terrible. It's terrible that I put a popcorn bucket on my head. The good part is that I got one dollar for it, though," said sophomore **Alan Austin**. Classmate **Dan Hunt** took this picture, without **Austin** knowing, during a band competition.

Utopia. The YAC dance that I D.J.'d was my first D.J. gig. I hope all that came had a good time because of me," said senior **Matt Falcon**. The Youth Advisory Council (YAC) of Pella put on a dance at Memorial Building on March 10.

Regulate. I learned that you need to have team chemistry to be successful," said sophomore **Pierce Hibma**. He was moved up to the varsity team during the basketball season, along with sophomores **Klayton Korver**, **Luke Ballenger**, **Dance Schuring**, **Billy Fox**, and **Nick Mulder**.

Extraordinary. Doing the weather report is more difficult than it looks. You had to watch this screen to pinpoint where where your hand should be," said freshmen **Rebecca Elliott**. The Youth Advisory Council for the City of Pella (part of Youth Action Steering Committee of the United States) took a trip to Des Moines Channel 5 News to learn more about filming and giving the news. It surprised me that the news anchor wore some old, torn-up jeans and a really nice suit top. Also, the lady news anchor sat on a phone book so she wouldn't be short," **Elliott** said.

Seniors **Irene ErkenBrack**, **Jessica Post**, **Emily Lubberden**, and **Aura Reicks**, four of the nine members of the senior triple trio, sing "America" at Carnaby Club May 18.



Closing

A Picture is Worth 2001 Words

✓Senior **Adam Van Wyk**, member of the varsity boys' soccer team, shows some frustration with the referee's call at the Chariton game. The final score was 6-0, Pella.



“Wow. Jump Rope for Heart was a good experience. It was fun hanging out with my friends all afternoon. We all had a good time,” said sophomore **Amy Laug**. March 16, about 45 students participated in either Jump Rope for Heart or Hoops for Heart to raise money for finding a cure for heart disease. Pictured with **Laug** is classmate **Katie Kniff**.

“Opportunity.” Senior **Jesse Linn** was one of several students who volunteered in March to help with decorations, games, and refreshments for the Read-A-Million-Minutes carnival for the elementary students.

“Reward. It was really fun to be able to help at the carnival. It was really cool to see all the little kids having fun and being rewarded for all their hard work,” said junior **Katie Van Dusseldorp**, who also volunteered at the carnival. Pictured with **Van Dusseldorp** is classmate **David Van Wyk**.

“Dreamy. That night was very dreamy because I didn't know what I was doing, but I guess it was fun,” said senior **Adam Yang**. The after-prom party took place at the middle school. Students watched an hour-and-a-half performance of a hypnotist who hypnotized several students. The hypnotist made the students act out many events, such as a dance competition or being pulled over by a police officer. In this picture, **Yang** is praying during the situation of being pulled over by the police officer.

“Slice. (Slice is a term used in golf meaning starts left and goes right.) Golf went o.k. We placed well in the tournaments, and it was pretty fun,” said sophomore **Jim Dingeman**, member of the junior varsity golf team. On May 26, the golf team won first place at the 3A state golf tournament.



Wish
J

Stephanie,
I ♥ U!
Love
April ♥

Hey
I don't know you.
But I'll sign this anyway

♥ Tina George ♥

Hey Steph
Study hall was am
last year! I'm glad you're
in it this year! ♥ didn't

Steph!
My 1st will have
Ore's baby kitten,
but she's like 3 years
old now! Had fun
and good luck in the
future!

And
#98

Wizz up

Hey Steph -
Last year was a blast.
I hope you have an
awesome soph. year
♥ Becky

Stephanie,
Hey! How
are you? Great
here. I'm really
glad that we've
gotten to know
each other! Have
a great year!

Always : 4ever
Joahm
Dell

Louise Heena

Hey Steph,
Don't be sick a chicken. My advice
to you is good things happen to
those who wait. Keep your
eyes on God and on the
best person you can be.
If you ever need any-
one to talk to, give
me a call!

H: Steph
Good friend
Brandon

Don
Thurman

Stephanie -
Yo Girl! Sup? I
hope you have a
great year and also
like a sis! to come, ya
Brenda
Roose

Hey!
Hope you have
a great year!
Megan

Hey Girl -
Hope you have
an awesome
year!
- Megan -

Stephanie - Hey girl! What's 4?
NIM/H. OK, so for this school year
remember, most of all, don't let anything stand
in your way. You're gonna be a lot of things, so
you're gonna be a lot of things. Don't let the
bad memories bother you. Forget them and live out the
good ones.
Nelson Belle
You're the best!

Hey Steph! So
what? um n/m so how's
Jeff? Brandon's good like
Lally

Hey Stephanie,
Wesley just chillin!
Thanks for the massages!
You're my girl!

Steph -
Hey babe - we had so
much fun this summer.
Alex is forever eating
at Scoop's & loops
& ya!

Steph -
You're a fun person to hang
around. Have a great year!

STAFF USE
MEER

Steph -
Hey girlie! You're an awesome
friend and fun to be around.
Love ya lots.
Cecilia

Ryan

Don't You
Feel special

Because
I wrote
Here

Chang

Steph,
I think we had a
study hall together...
on year and French.
That was fun. Well
you got mad at Mr. San-
a lot anyway.
Republicans rule!!
Love, Mark & [signature]

Hey Steph! Lookin' great! I think its the hair. Have a great year!

Hey Steph,
Thank you being
a great friend
take care and
have fun!
Paola.

Steph,
hope your high school
career is filled with
monotony & homework
David Trotter

Stephanie

Thanks for the book review.

Russell H

Hey!
Have an awesome year!
- Alice Q.

So at first
you didn't like
me, haha, we had
fun though. Good
times, hoke, well
Good Luck, Amel

Steph-
How's it going?
Hope it's great
Have a super year
- Keep smiling -
Lindz

Steph-
Hope you have a
great high school
year. Hope you had
a great summer.
Hara!!

Stephanie

How are you? How does
it feel being a sophomore?
My sophomore year sucked!
It's great being a senior!
Hope you have fun!

Carl
Lovell

Manay plus - Hey Stah
umm... hey have
an awesome
Tm.

Stephanie,
Don't know ya much,
but I hope you have a great
school year and maybe this year
we can do something sometime.
Pittman

in other, if you
over get bored, we
should hang out
sometimes.
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